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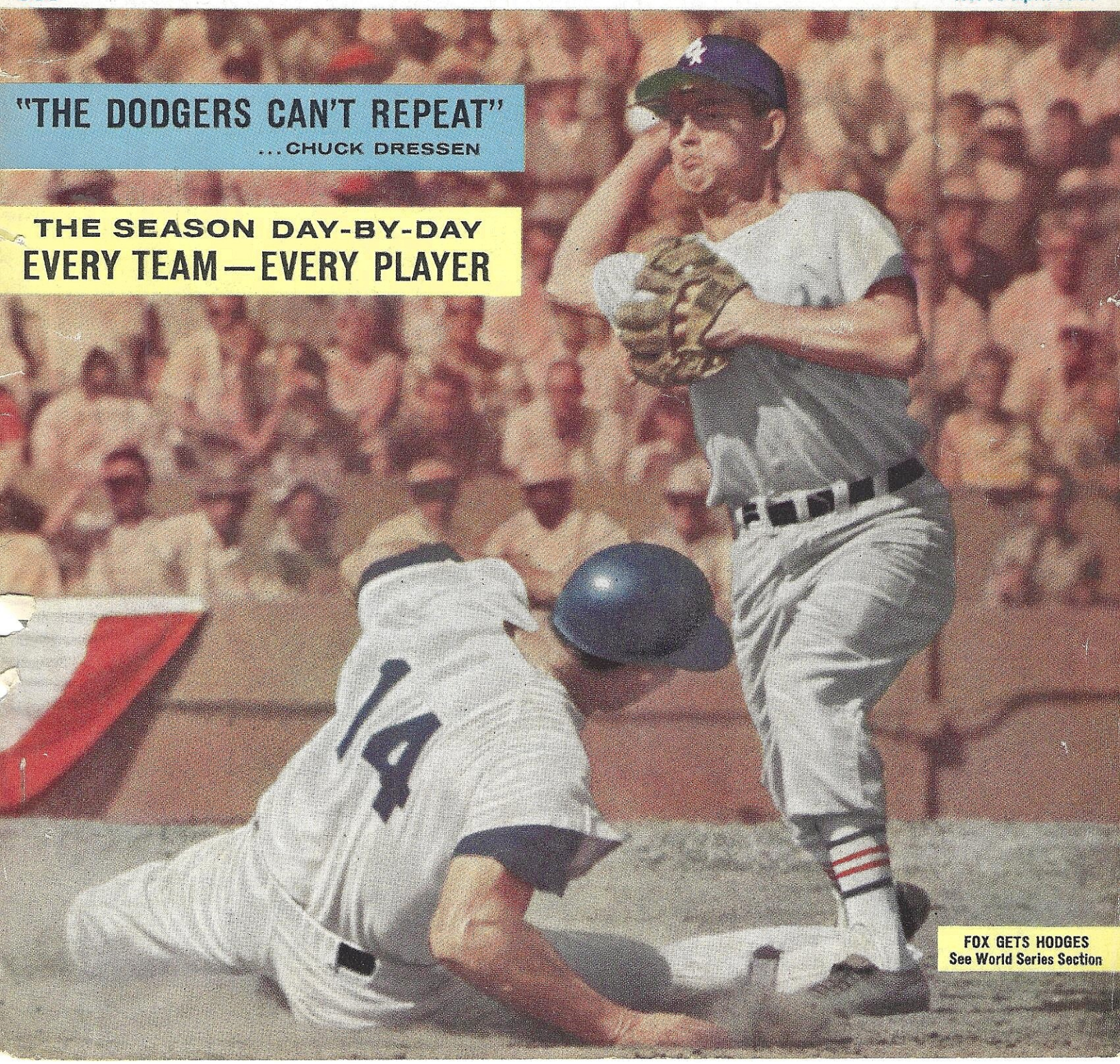

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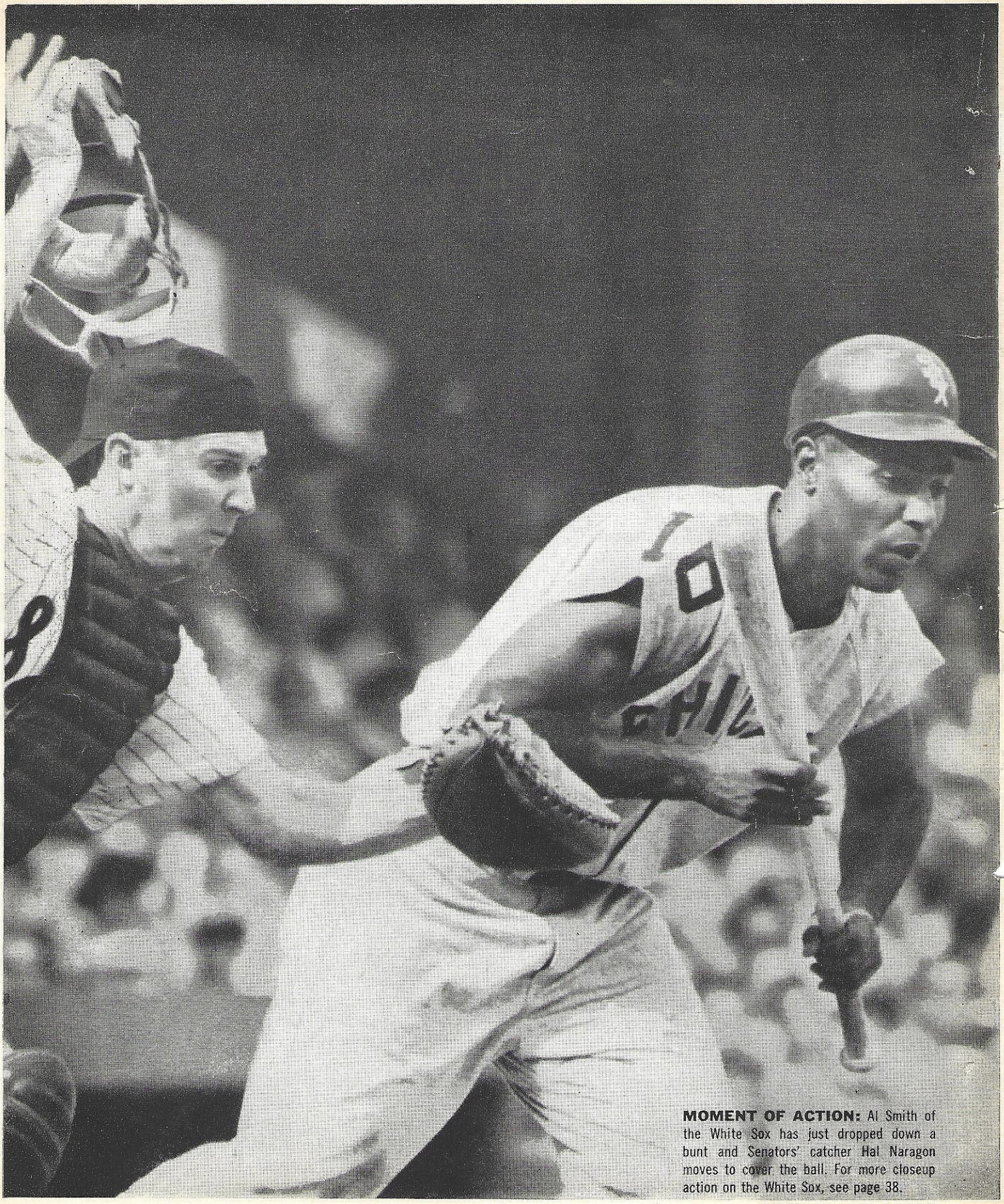

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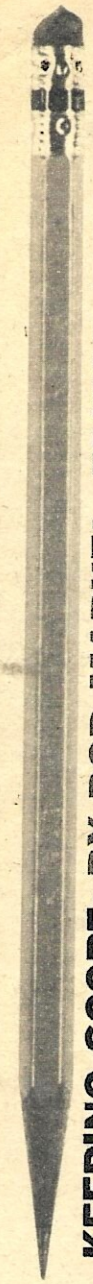

KEEPING SCORE: BY BOB MARKEL, EDITOR, DELL SPORTS

WHY COACHES GET BALD

Detroit Lions' rookie guard Bob Grottkau was playing his first pro game. He was acting as the coach's messenger, bringing in the play every other down. At a crucial point he raced into the tense Lion huddle. But he forgot the signal as he reached his teammates. Unflustered, Grottkau told quarterback Tobin Rote, "They're all fouled up on the bench. Call your own play!"

DID YOU KNOW?

The average weight of the fabled Four Horsemen of Notre Dame (They played in 1922-24) was only 157. At that weight, Layden, Miller, Crowley and Stuhldreher would be lucky to qualify as cheerleaders today.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO—?

Tony Lavelli, a four-time All-America basketball player at Yale, and an accomplished musician, has been touring the country far and wide with a "one-man show," playing his accordion and giving an exhibition of his still sharp shooting touch with a basketball. Apparently he puts on a good show and proves that music and athletics can be combined in a single career.

THE BOXING MESS

Call it a sport or a business, but boxing could win back a lot of fans and make plenty of new ones if some sort of federal commission could be established which would make up a schedule for each division and then hold the fighters and their managers to it. This way, fans could be assured of a championship fight in every weight class at least twice a year. This would force fighters to stay active, would encourage promoters to schedule fights and would prevent the shady elements from taking so much time trying to "get control" of certain fighters. It would also force reluctant champions into the ring against the best challengers.

Without a doubt, the most interesting and colorful champion in recent memory is the present heavyweight titleholder, Ingemar Johansson. But it's hard to know these days whether he's an athlete, a business man or an actor. The only fighting he has been doing has been with the various promotional groups seeking to stage a return with Patterson. It would be sort of nice to see him in the ring again with Patterson, or any fighter, for that matter.

THE FAN'S CHANCE: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HELP WANTED

Gentlemen:

I purchased your special BASKETBALL issue and found it very interesting. The college all-star teams you picked are superb. The statistics on the college players are very concise. I am disappointed, however, that in the pro statistics you didn't include information on free throw percentages. I would appreciate it very much if you would provide them the next time.

Stan Supinski, Webster, Mass.

Glad you liked the BASKETBALL issue (It'll be on sale till the end of the season) and we'll try to add the foul shooting statistics for you in next year's issue.

ANCHORS AWEIGH

Gentlemen:

Being a true Navy fan I think you are prejudiced in favor of Army and against Navy, at least in your last Stanley Woodward's FOOTBALL issue. How could you pick Joe Caldwell over Navy's quarterbacks? Do justice to Navy.

Anthony Tramontozzi, Montvale, N.J.

Don't feel too badly because Navy's football team didn't have a great season last year. (At least they had a great season against Army!) They may rise again and Stanley Woodward will be the first to recognize them. It was just a few years ago that Navy's great George Welsh was the cover boy on our college football issue.

JUMP SHOT

Sirs:

A friend of mine and I were having a discussion recently about the jump shot and whether or not there is any real way to defend against it in a basketball game. I'd appreciate getting your opinion on this. My friend says there is a way to defend against it. I say there isn't.

Mel Streit, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Mel, we'd have to go along with you on the jump shot question. The only way to defend against it is not to let the man get the shot off. Once a jump shooter is permitted to get within range and goes up for his specialty, there's nothing much you can do, short of deliberate fouling, except hope the shooter is having an off night. But don't forget, most jump shooters have to get in fairly close to hit with their specialty.

Dell Sports Magazine sent Joe Reichler to speak with Branch Rickey about the new Continental League of which he is president. And Rickey gave the details.

BRANCH RICKEY TELLS THE FULL STORY:

a third league of eight teams . . . ready to compete by 1961

"OUR THIRD LEAGUE FIGHTS TO LIVE"

"I'm forever being asked why I forsook the comparatively comfortable, secure and well-paying job as chairman of the board of the Pittsburgh club to begin a new venture with a new league that faces new problems nearly every new-born day," restating with embellishment a question that had been put to him. "I am asked to discuss this new league in every detail, its hopes, aims and possible achievements, its impact on baseball in general and the current major leagues in particular, its prospects, problems and progress, and, in fact, the very reason for its being. I am asked to reflect upon my own part in it. That's a tall order even for an individual who has been known, from time to time, to dominate a conversation. At my age, I am importuned to muse aloud, to let my mind wander at will and to touch upon those things that come first to mind."

Seated at his office in a suite at the Hotel Commodore in New York, Branch Rickey nibbled at an unlit cigar and contemplated the proposition like a man who is preparing to deliver the Emancipation Proclamation.

"The people of the United States have got to have more major league baseball. They demand it and we in baseball are obligated to give it to them. I believe with all my heart that the only way our 175 million people will see long overdue baseball expansion of the proper kind is through a third major league. There is no alternative to this conclusion. The two current major leagues cannot, dare not and will not expand simply because it isn't feasible.

"The answer, of course, is our Continental League. A third major league operating harmoniously with the other two would provide the answer to the problem of large cities now willing, able and clamoring to support big league baseball. What we need, of course, is the cooperation of the major leagues. We have their assurance, we have their promise, we have their blessings. Mere gestures of good faith are not sufficient, however. We want their active support. But whether we get it or not, we are going ahead with deliberate speed to a peaceful completion of our eight-club league."

WHEN WILL THE CL START?

"Some people are concerned that the Continental League will not realize its goal of operating in 1961. 'The Continental League will die aborning,' some responsible people in the major leagues have said. To all this I say 'rubbish.' I am more convinced now than ever that the Continental League will operate as a third major league in 1961. Furthermore, I have high hopes that the Continental League will participate in the World Series in the fall of 1963. Our league will not only come into being, but it will grow and it will prosper.

"Let us not be misled by remarks that it will take our league five years to assert itself on the field. This is an eight-pound baby and in good health and without a blemish. We will start our operation with an eight-club league. The territory is there and so are the players. It will not take us five years to catch up with the National and American Leagues. We will play our equals the first two years and we will be ready for the other two majors in our third year of operation. We don't need to have the gentlemen of the established major leagues do any worrying for us. We are able to do our own, and we are not asking for sympathy. All we seek is the cooperation promised us with no undo interference with our plans.

"Despite their promise of cooperation, the major leagues have been spreading confusion and uncertainty among our members. They have snarled us up badly in our efforts to complete our league with stories of expansion that was to take them to Los Angeles, to Houston, to Minneapolis and even to New York. These stories have delayed us a great deal. I've been forced to spend hours and hours untangling the mess and convincing people ready to come into our league that this will never happen. I know the National League has absolutely no intention of expanding and I don't think the American League will either.

"These expansion stories emanating from the major league people are not calculated to make our course easier. They are also contrary to the spirit in which we understood the established majors agreed to accept us into fellowship. The major league clubowners decided against expansion of their own circuits and set up ten ground rules under which they agreed to recognize a new league of major calibre. We accepted all of them without quibbling at our joint meeting in New York on August 18 and felt the major leagues were acting in good faith. Despite these new roadblocks, which some people might be wont to call as sabotage, I still believe the major league owners were sincere in their unqualified assurance of encouragement. Because we believed in their ges-

"WE'LL PLAY IN THE WORLD SERIES BY 1963"

Branch Rickey meets with representatives of the two major leagues and the projected Continental League. Standing from left: Gerald Moore, Minneapolis-St. Paul; Jack Kent Cooke, Toronto; Craig Cullinan, Houston; Walter Orr, New York; Bob Howsam, Denver; NL President, Warren Giles; AL President, Joe Cronin and Dwight Davis of New York.

ture of faith and confidence, we disclosed the confidential records of our membership, we spoke freely of individual financial responsibility, area enthusiasm, and park-building plans. We laid bare, completely our dealings with prospective applicants for Continental League franchises from Coast to Coast.

"The greater number of the major league club owners are not at all minded to defeat the Continental League. By and large they are good sportsmen and gentlemen of honor. So are the men in our new league movement and they are not accustomed to being pushed around."

WHAT IS A BIG LEAGUER?

"You want to know," repeated the Continental League head, "how we plan to recruit 200 players of major quality when big league scouts assert there are not 50 players in the top minors who could qualify for Continental League trials.

"But what is a major league player? Willie Mays? Mickey Mantle? Stan Musial? Yes! But how many Mays, Mantles and Musials are there on a big league team? Is the superstar the major leaguer and are the others minor leaguers? There are twenty times more players now than there were twenty years ago and the same definition holds: A major leaguer is the best there is. Six months ago, Willie McCovey was a minor leaguer. Today, he is not only a major leaguer, but a star. Why? Because he was given the opportunity. There was no great overnight change in the metabolism of Willie McCovey. Larry Sherry and Maury Wills were minor leaguers last summer but they became World Series heroes in the fall. Why? Because they got the chance. (*continued*)

"There are 400 major leaguers at the moment because there are 400 jobs. If there were 200 jobs, there would only be 200 major leaguers. If there were 600 jobs, there would be 600 major leaguers. There are many boys in the minor leagues waiting for a chance. There were many more with so much ability who gave it up and went into some other business because they didn't get a big league chance. They didn't want to spend six or seven years it might take them to reach the majors and then to be held down by a team that might not need their services immediately. With extended opportunity in the majors such men will stick it out and many will become big leaguers and they will play a big league brand of ball. Our league will be an incentive to get more boys to go into baseball. Not only will our league open a new market, but the rise to the big leagues will necessarily be much faster.

"I maintain that it is easier for the Continental League to start from scratch and recruit 320 players than it would be for the majors to find 50 players for a ninth and tenth place team which could not hope to compete on anything even faintly resembling a fair basis. Goodness is a relative thing on the field of play. New teams can't compete on any basis of equality with old ones. But eight teams can compete equally while recognized as a third major league.

"Let me give you an example. Back in 1944 I had the Dodgers. It was during the war, and there was an acute shortage of players of major league calibre. Talk about manpower problems. I took seven boys out of high school. Cal McLish was the youngest at 17 and Clyde King was the oldest at 19. None had ever worn a pro uniform before. There was Tommy Brown, Eddie Miksis, Bobby Morgan, Gene Mauch . . . Oh, dear, I should remember them all but I can't. But we didn't finish last and we didn't lose at the gate. The youngsters intrigued the fans. Today, a club could not hope to compete in the majors with that kind of a roster. Judas Priest! I'll wager it would not win 20 games.

"Again, one must understand ability is relative. A third league must come from players turned back or over from the other two. From players in our higher minor leagues and from those still in the state of development. When ability is relative, all clubs are equal. Interest nurtures strong competition. While it won't be top baseball, it will be acceptable because it will have the major league tag on it.

"It is my belief that three years now may be regarded as the average time for a minor league player to become a regular in the majors. The term of apprenticeship has been reduced with the aid of advanced methods of spring training. I have made a survey which takes in data for the last decade and it shows that the average time has been 3.4 years. Do you recollect what the 1957 Pirates did? They were terrible. I should know. They almost fell into the celler. In 1958, they were pennant contenders. Who can tell about young players?

"Now we come to the matter of franchises, financial support, stadia. We have been warned it will take millions to enlarge our present arenas, purchase players, hire umpires, set up offices and pay indemnity to minor league clubs and leagues. Where will the Continental League get the money, it has been asked. Well, money is no problem. Our people have plenty of it and everything will be done in a better than big league style without regard to expense. The Continental League will offer baseball of the highest quality. The stadias will be second to none. We have set a minimum seating capacity of 35,000. New York is prepared to build a stadium seating 50,000. Minneapolis already had a five million dollar stadium built in 1955 which can easily be enlarged from its present 24,000 capacity. Houston a year ago voted a $20 million dollar revenue bond issue for a sports center. Denver is presently working on plans for expanding its stadium which currently seats 17,500. Toronto is negotiating with city officials for a major league stadium. Buffalo, with a drawing power of six million people, has available a stadium that can be enlarged to seat 40,000. Montreal has a stadium seating 19,000 which can be increased to 35,000. Atlanta has beautiful stadium plans on two possible sites. Residents of Dallas-Ft. Worth gave a 2-to-1 vote of approval to a revenue bond proposal for construction of a major league stadium.

"See here, the sooner the majors realize that a third league will do baseball a great deal of good, the better off they will be. There is a challenge to the two majors that baseball continue as the national game. I don't think they are living up to it. We must stop this. We must hold the confidence of the people. Other sports are shoving baseball into the background. I certainly hope that after spending 56 years in the sport, I am not seeing the end of baseball."

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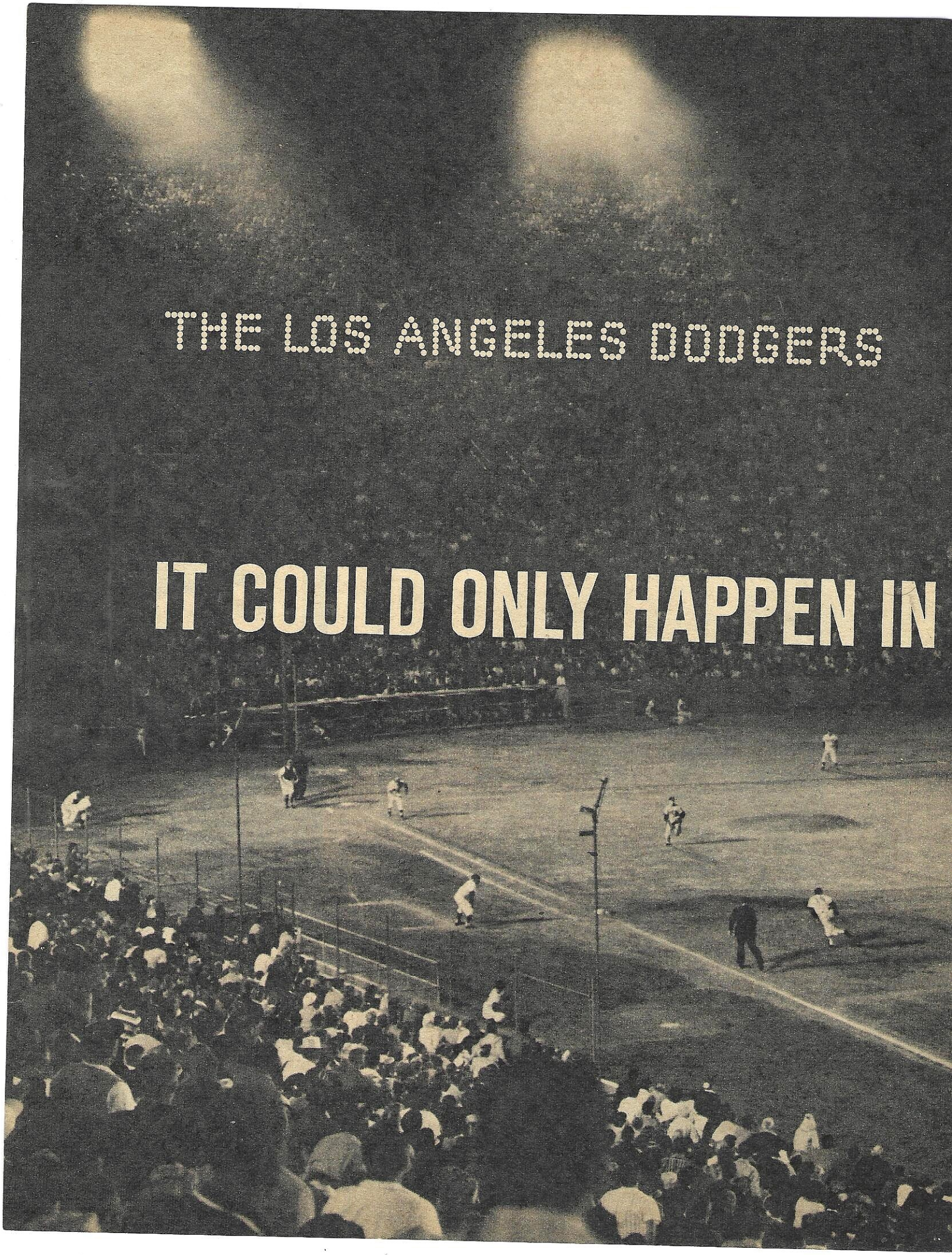
THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS
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(7th place to World Champions)
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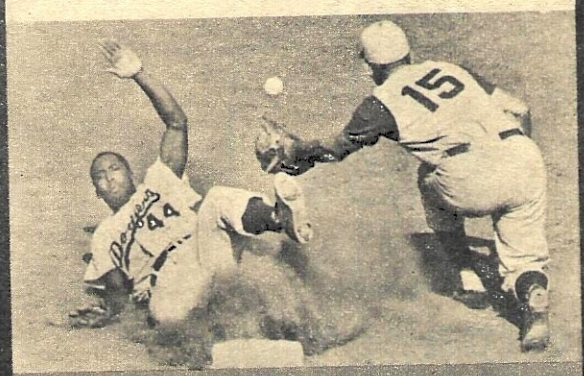

CHUCK DRESSEN SAYS THE DODGERS CAN'T REPEAT

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It was getting on in September, and the most unwanted of NL pennants was being fought off, rather than fought for, by three apparently diffident clubs—the Braves, the Giants and the Dodgers. Of this scrambling threesome, the most misplaced seemed to be the Dodgers. Here was a team of conglomerates—artistically undisciplined youngsters,

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Wally Moon, the Dodgers' most consistent hitter, comes sliding hard into Giants' former third baseman Jackie Brandt with a triple.

THE CAST: NO STARS, ALL SUPPORTING PLAYERS

THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS

limping oldsters, a bartered pickup or two, a couple of recalled minor league mediocrities. All in all, a highly unimpressive remake of a team that had finished seventh the year before, their first in Los Angeles.

Unlike the Braves and Giants, there were no truly outstanding stars on the Dodgers; none you could point to and say: "There's the boy who has meant the difference." The Dodgers had no Henry Aaron leading the league in hitting, no late-season "pheenom" like Willie McCovey to give them the hurried hypo; they had no bread-and-butter stoppers like Lew Burdette and Warren Spahn, no 20-game winner like Sam Jones.

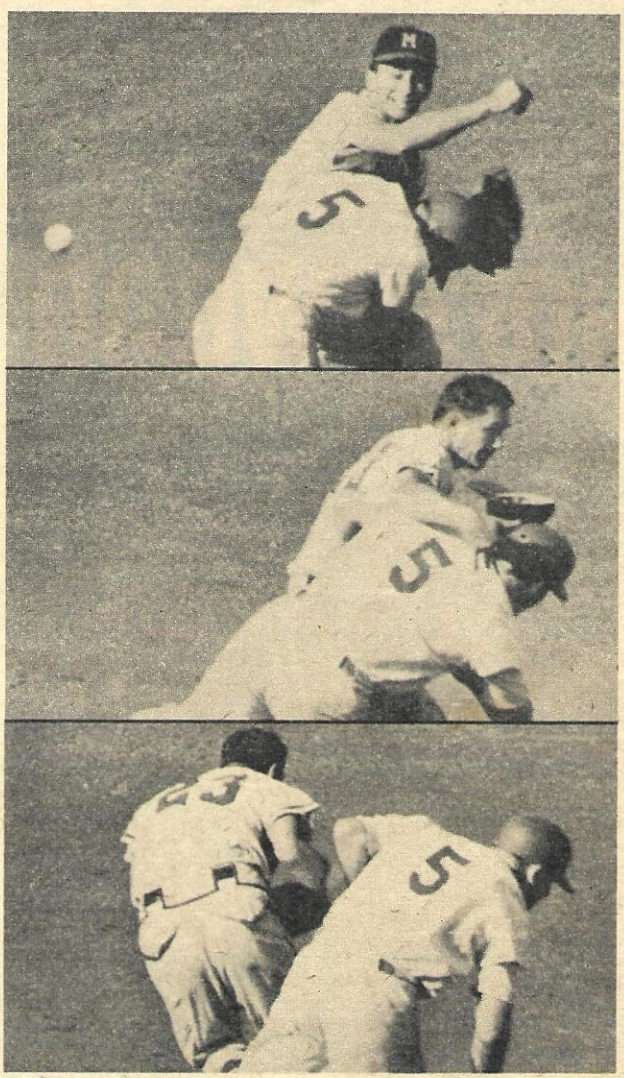
And, yet, as the days grew short, it became increasingly obvious that the Dodgers could win it all. Why? How?

"What's keeping you up there, Walter?"

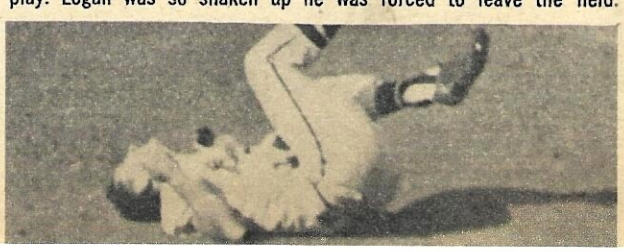
You wanted so to ask that of the manager, Walt Alston, and yet it seemed impertinent. So, you rephrased it, softened it and the question came out like this:

"What one thing can you put your finger on, Walt, to explain the change in the club that finished seventh, two lengths above last place, a year ago?"

Walt Alston is a patient man. If he had that question thrown at him once, he heard it, or its close variant, a hundred times. Each



The Dodgers played for keeps. Here Norm Larker goes crashing into the Braves' Johnny Logan in an attempt to break up a double play. Logan was so shaken up he was forced to leave the field.



Sparkling in the field for the Dodgers were Charley Neal, here pivoting on a DP and young Maury Wills (behind Neal). They gave the club a tight defense which never faltered.

time, he answered it as though it were the first; something like this:

"You can't single out any one thing"—and he'd go on lucidly and patiently, to enumerate the many factors, the many persons he considered pertinent.

There was the ballpark factor—that warped saucer built for football and track, and converted into a temporary baseball monstrosity that had virtually scared them out of their talents in the first year; now they had overcome that fear, they had adjusted to their new environment in this, their second year after the transfer from Brooklyn to Los Angeles.

There was Duke Snider's comeback from virtual uselessness to some semblance of his valued might. There was Gil Hodges' improvement, and the consistency of Wally Moon; there were the good years being enjoyed by Charley Neal and Jim Gilliam, and Don Drysdale's excellent start.

There was the unexpected early-season support from secondary members like Art Fowler, who had since been shipped back to the minors, and Johnny Klippstein; like Don Demeter and Norm Larker—all of whom kept the Dodgers in the running during the first part, and without whom there would have been no second part for the regulars to win.

There was the second half hurling help from Roger Craig and Larry Sherry, from the glove of shortstop Maury Wills and from the part-time powerbat of Chuck Essegian.

Alston gave them all a call—and more. He even mentioned the change in spirit from the year before—an intangible he insists he detected in spring camp. "There was a feeling

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there," he would recall, "that we could win. I sensed it in everybody, from the batboy on up the line."

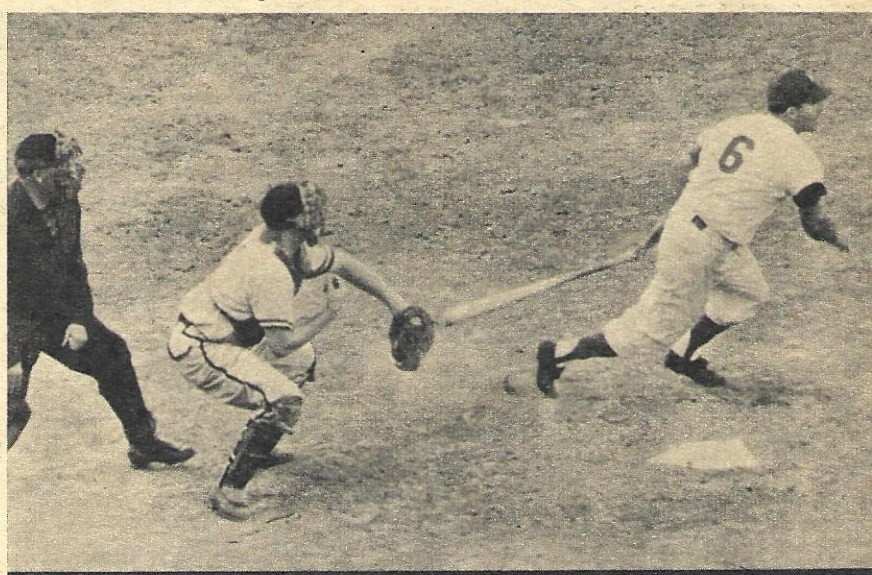
All these things were so, at least in the heart of the man who told of them. And yet, as you watched the Dodgers hang on through that frantic stretch scramble, while the Giants crumbled and fell away, then watched them in the spectacular two-straight playoff crushing of the Braves, the entire explanation for the Dodgers' being, the reason for their success was crystalized. It was, in the final analysis, a simple thing that won for the Dodgers.

They knew how to play baseball.

That's how the Dodgers won it. They made the plays. They were a throwback to baseball's neolithic age, a team of defensive experts. They not only had the quickness of foot, the sureness of hand, they had the savvy to go with it. They were drilled in making the unusual play—until it became a simple routine for them.

You would see a Dodger game, and you would see the other team attempt to get cute by intentionally letting a popped-up bunt drop. Then, a day or two later, you would witness the Dodgers operate in the same situation. It was like day and night; like minor and major. The other team had the right idea—but lacked the execution. The fallen bunt would be picked up; then there would follow hesitation,

Carl Furillo smacks a single over second for the winning **HIT**



THIS YEAR: ANOTHER SMASH HIT?

RUN that gave the Dodgers the flag was carried across by Hodges.

uncertainty and confusion, with the end result that, if the team got one out, it was perfectly happy about the entire situation.

The Dodgers did it right. They would pick up the ball, whirl, and throw to the right base first. If two runners stood there, the Dodger fielders, unhesitatingly, confidently, would tag the right man first, then the bag—or would make the tag and relay peg to an advanced base if required. It was done with snap, with precision. Of the three contenders, the Dodgers alone knew how to play baseball. That knowledge transformed into able execution, more than compensated for batting and pitching deficiencies in the stretch.

This, then, explains in good measure how a team which ranked no better than sixth in batting, and third in pitching, could win the pennant. The Dodgers led in fielding—statistically and artistically. The contrast, too, was there—involving the Giants and Braves. Through those last head-to-head meetings among the three flag contenders, as the entire season's sweat and agonies boiled down to the outcome of a few ball games, the glove betrayed the Giants and Braves, but not the Dodgers.

Example 1: It is Sept. 19 at San Francisco. The Dodgers have won the first half of a day-nighter, the first of three, but the Giants still lead by a length. The Giants also lead this second game, 1-0, into the seventh inning, as Mike McCormick, the young lefty, duels Don Drysdale, the young righty.

The bases are full, one out, in the Dodger seventh. Chuck Essegian, swinging for Drysdale, hits a sharp bouncer directly at Jim Davenport, best fielding third baseman in the majors. Davenport makes the grab. It looks like a sure two—an inning-ending DP that will preserve the Giant edge.

But Davenport fires slightly low and into the runner's side of second base. Daryl Spencer attempting to grab the ball escapes the sitting-duck vulnerability that the off-mark peg has exposed him to, and flips the relay to first, hurriedly, at once, achieves nothing. He drops the ball. In the next instant, he is dropped by Joe Pignanto's crunching slide.

A run scores on the error. Four more score before the inning ends. The Giants never recover from the shock. The Dodgers sweep the three-game set the next day, and lead the league by one. The Giants have been disposed of; now the Braves remain as the last obstacle on the course.

The Dodgers finish the remaining games in a tie with the Braves—and thus come face-to-face with them in the pennant playoff, the third such in the history of the National League.

Thus do 154 games mean nothing—and the pennant boils down to three games—the best-two-of-three. The Dodgers need only two. They take the first in Milwaukee, 3-2; the second in L.A., 6-5, in 12 tremendous innings. Which brings up Examples 2 and 3:

As the Giants had failed to head off the Dodgers in the field, so did the Braves. In playoff Game No. 1, ground balls that seemed within reach of a mobile second baseman trickled up the middle with pudgy Roberto Avila in determined but futile pursuit. The Braves, seeking punch, had gambled with Avila's glove at second base—and had lost the gamble.

The next day, ironically, it was the fielding of Felix Mantilla, perhaps their most dexterous defensive player, that failed the Braves. With two out in the last of the 12th, and Dodgers on first and second, Carl Furillo sent a tricky bouncer through the middle. Mantilla, in a graceful glide, scooped up the ball just back of second, took careful aim at the glove of first baseman Joe Adcock, then bounced the ball past him.

That ball, and the pennant, wound up, simultaneously, in the Dodger dugout. In the clutch, the Dodgers had made the big plays; the Giants and Braves had not. That, more than any single factor, gave answer to the recurring question: "What kept the Dodgers up there?"

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PENNANT was theirs after a two-game sweep of the Braves in the playoff.

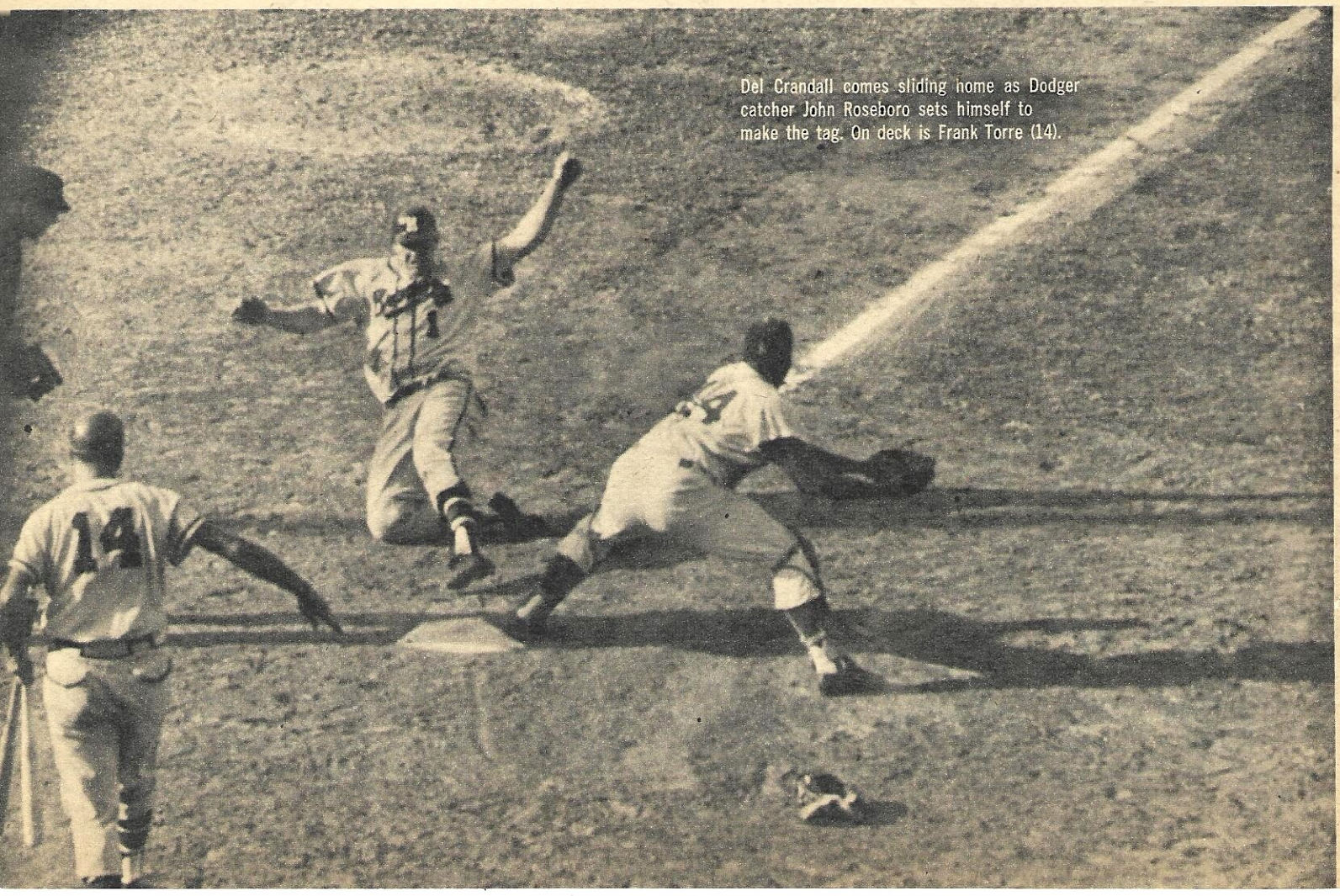
THE BRAVES ALSO RAN

The scene was Bradenton, Florida, spring training site of the Milwaukee Braves. The time was March of last year. The subject was the team's chances of winning a third straight National League flag. The speaker was Birdie Tebbetts, new vice president of the Braves:

"Everybody is talking about our hole at second base, but there's something else that bothers me more. We are too set a ball club. I wish there were some kids capable of giving the older men a fight for a job."

"You're trying to say complacency?"

"That's right," said Tebbetts. "There's something about winning for three straight years in this league, something that makes it almost impossible. It's only been (*continued*)



Del Crandall comes sliding home as Dodger catcher John Roseboro sets himself to make the tag. On deck is Frank Torre (14).

Spahn and Burdette sit dejectedly in the Braves' locker room.

(SECOND)

HANK CAME OUT NUMBER 1

done once in the last 30 years. A lot of clubs have won two in a row, but not three. That's what has me worried."

The scene was the coffee shop of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. The time, five months later. The subject was the failure of the Braves to make a bold move for the pennant until now, the last few weeks of the season, when it seemed almost too late. The speaker was Joe Adcock, veteran slugger, and possessor of considerably more brain cells than baseball people are inclined to credit him with:

"I'll tell you what held us back till now. Everybody on the club thought we would win this thing right from the start—and everybody figured he'd let the other guy do it. Then, the other day, everybody seemed to wake up all at once. Everybody decided the other guy wasn't going to do it after all, so maybe he'd better do it himself—if it's to be done at all."

It was too late. The awakened Braves couldn't quite make it. They struggled to a tie on the final day—then lost the playoff, lost a pennant they believed, in their hearts, they would win easily. On their first swing east, the Braves had shot four lengths ahead of the pack, and you began hearing the opiate word, "Runaway!" The newsmen traveling with the club were tossing the word around in cavalier fashion. The players were twirling their cigars blandly.

"The Braves have too much talent to be stopped," was the consensus at that stage, "even with the gap at second base."

Even then, while pulling away during the early days of the season, the Braves were creating a trap for themselves. Warren Spahn and Lew Burdette, one of the most solid pitching pairs the major leagues ever have known, were doing virtually all the Braves' moundwork. It had been a rainy spring in Florida, and there had been small chance for managers to give their staffs the desired work.

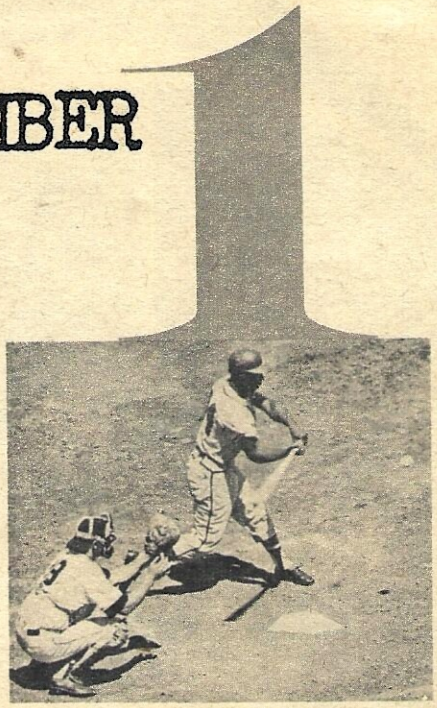
Fred Haney had decided, then and there, that he must have Spahn and Burdette ready. It was a good thought at the time; any other NL manager, with a Spahn and Burdette on his side, likely would have done the same.

The pair got the Braves off in front, but when it came time for the Milwaukee staff to show its vaunted depth, the shallowness glared through, like the scalp on a bald man's head. The youngsters with so much promise—Jay, Willey and Pizarro—virtually were noncontributory. To be sure, Spahn and Burdette each won 21, and Bob Buhl came on like gangbusters to click off 15.

But the rest never were ready. Bob Rush won 5. So did Willey. Jay chipped in with 6; so did Pizarro.

The pitching, presumably Milwaukee's pride and riches, became its shallow plight. The attack was there. Henry Aaron was magnificent; Ed Mathews better than good. The Braves, in all, hit 177 homers, high for the majors. Aaron batted .355, high for the majors; he knocked in 123 runs. Ed Mathews, after tying the Cubs' Ernie Banks for the homer title during the regular 154 games, got a second shot at the crown in the playoffs—and won it by bashing No. 46. Joe Adcock hit a solid .292, and Johnny Logan had a fine season at short, as well as a prideful .291 with the stick.

But all the while, there was that juggling act at second base, as the Braves tried frantically to plug the hole left by TB-stricken Red Schoendienst. They went to their bench; they went into the American League; they went to the minors; they went crazy. Felix Mantilla, Casey Wise, Bobby Avila, Johnny O'Brien; all were part of the big shuffle. Each had something to recommend him, and lots not to.



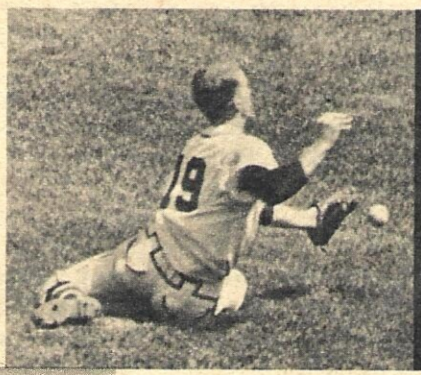
Hank Aaron at bat

Perhaps the pennant was lost there, at second base; perhaps it was lost in the rusty underpart of the pitching staff, where two men were asked to do too much; or perhaps, as Tebbetts said apprehensively in the spring, and Adcock said reflectively in the fall, perhaps it was lost in the mantrap of complacency. To be sure, the Braves were beaten in the playoff, so that a mere two games, two post-season games, meant the difference. But there are those who maintain it shouldn't have been that close; there shouldn't have been a playoff.

Somebody must have felt that way; somebody high in the Milwaukee hierarchy. Either Fred Haney, who quit as manager, it said there; or the brass who so readily accepted his resignation several days after the season ended. Somebody was extremely dissatisfied with the result.

Enter, Chuck Dressen; full of

THE BIG PROBLEM: 2ND BASE

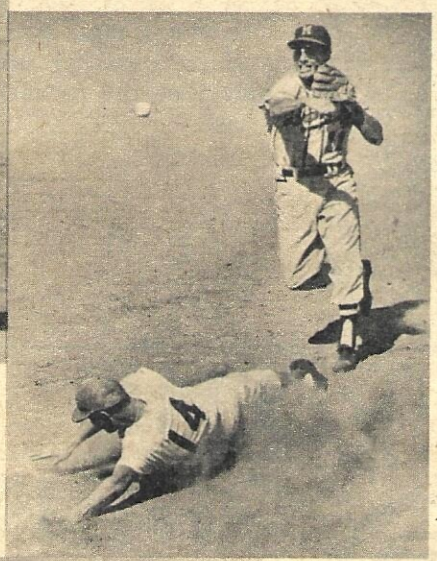


Casey Wise bobbled it

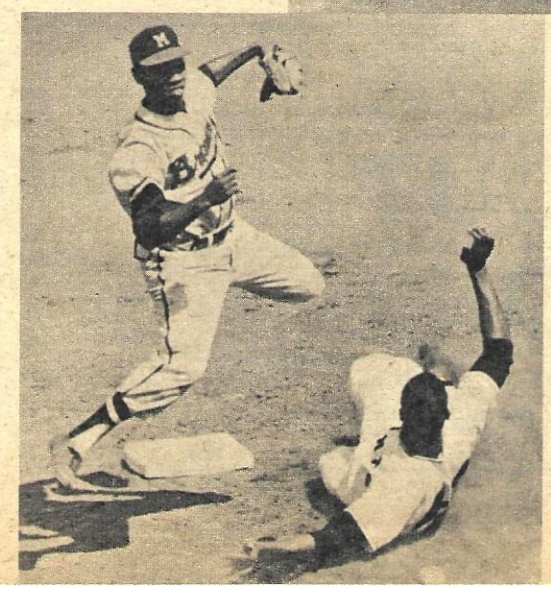
Red will try again this year and everyone in baseball is rooting for him to make the big comeback. But Dressen knows that insurance in the form of another solid second baseman is absolutely necessary.

They couldn't replace Schoendienst

Johnny O'Brien had no luck



Bobby Avila was too slow



Felix Mantilla was unsteady

bubbling enthusiasm, amusing egoism, and indisputable baseball talent. Chuck is a doer. His record is good; his devotion to the game of baseball inexhaustible. He will work at his job around the clock. There will be arguments; sparks may fly between Dressen and the assortment of stars who have gained a reputation as being not the easiest team to handle. But there will be no complacency while Chuck Dressen is around—of that, Birdie Tebbetts may rest assured.

Dressen carries with him an abiding respect for the Dodgers—the team he coached last year, when he was Walt Alston's right-hand man.

"They will be better this year," he says of the Dodgers. "They figure to be, because those youngsters will improve"—meaning the strong-armed young pitchers like Drysdale, Koufax, Williams and Sherry; meaning infielders like Charley Neal and Maury Wills; meaning a coming catcher like Johnny Roseboro and outfielders like Demeter, Howard and Fairly.

"They'll be better," repeated Dressen, "but so will Milwaukee."

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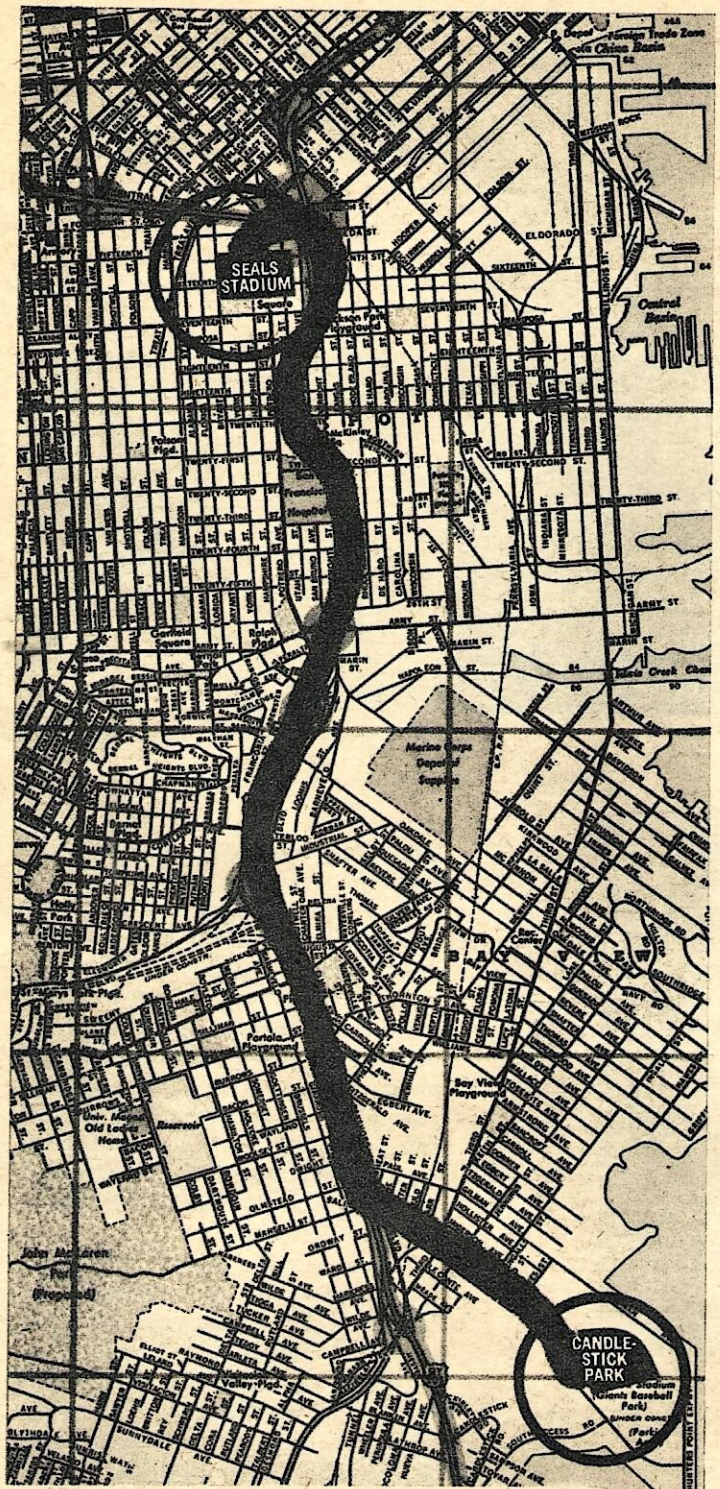


BETWEEN SEALS STADIUM AND CANDLESTICK . . .

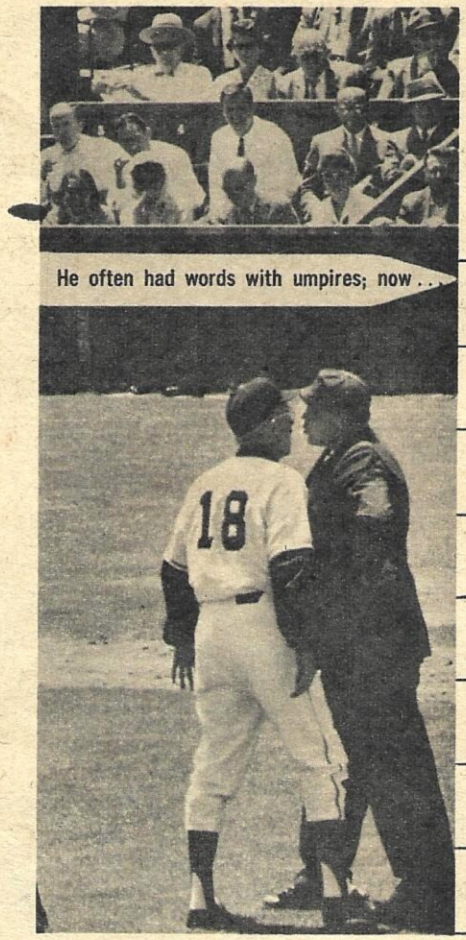
TEN DAYS BEFORE THE END of the season, the City of San Francisco seethed in civic turmoil—and it was all the Giants' fault. Here they were, about to get into the World Series—and there was no suitable place in which to play the home games. Seals Stadium, where a very select and exclusive group of 22,000 each day had been privileged to root, root, root for the home team, simply wasn't big enough. The new structure, Candlestick Park, had a name, but lacked other essentials—including the last several thousand of its 40-odd thousand seats, ramps, proper access roads, and, perish forbid, partitions in the ladies' rest rooms.

The club was screaming at the architect, the architect howled at the contractor, the contractor bellowed blame at the money-holding politicians, and the Mayor proclaimed publicly that there had better be a new stadium completed for the World Series, or something horrible would happen to all of them.

The Giants, bless their souls, solved the entire unsavory problem. They simply blew the pennant in the last ten days. *(continued)*

THE GIANTS RAN OUT OF GAS

Sam Jones (left) is relieved by manager Rigney (right).



He often had words with umpires; now . . .

RIG HAS ONE MORE CHANCE TO GET HOME FIRST

Why? Why did this team lead the National pack through most of the hectic season, fight off threat after threat, and then, within reach of the gold, fall flat on its face—all the way to third place?

The answers offered are many:

THIN PITCHING: This was the soft spot feared most by Bill Rigney throughout the year. The Giant staff unquestionably had been strengthened a great deal by two off-season trades. One brought them Jack Sanford from Philly; the other Sad Sam Jones from St. Louis.

That produced a starting foursome of Johnny Antonelli and Mike McCormick, hard-throwing southpaws, plus Jones and Sanford—good lefty-righty balance. In addition, there was Stu Miller, the notorious soft-stuffer, who could serve as a good spot starter.

Fairly early in the season, Manager Rigney rushed Jones to the bull pen and relieved with him to save a game.

"Panic!" cried some.

"Panic my neck," said Rigney. "I don't have a real relief pitcher, so I'll relieve with Jones and other starters when I can."

That's how Rig operated. Down the stretch, particularly, he went with his best. It was a five man staff, and Rig kept his fingers crossed that it would hold up. It did—10 days short of a season. Then it gave out. Jones, starting and relieving, worked in 50 games by season's end. He lost out on two no-hitters; one when the official scorer called a slow, bobbled bouncer to short a basehit, the other when a storm ended a no-hit effort after seven innings.

THIN HITTING: The most common concept of the San Francisco team was a row of muscled sluggers, making up for other deficiencies by blasting holes in the opposition. Mays, Cepeda, Kirkland, Spencer, and later, Willie McCovey; they were the terrors.

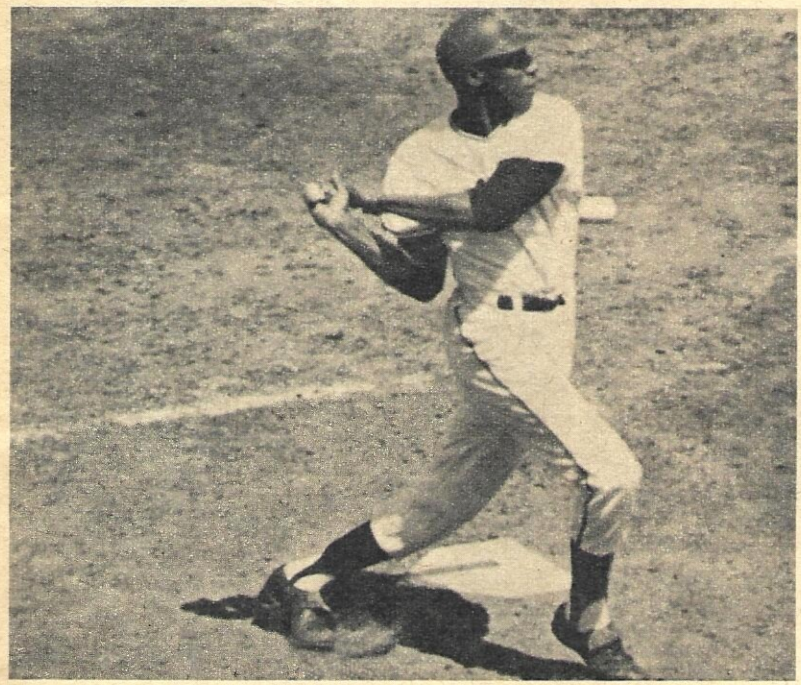
In truth, Giant power was a myth. The team was fifth in batting, tied for third in run-production. Swinging the bat was, up to a point, the team's strength—but the point was badly blunted in the crisis. In the three-game blowup against the Dodgers, on the weekend the Giants lost the pennant, they averaged just two runs a game. In the clubhouse, after the Giants had fallen out of first place with a thud, Rigney's eyes panned the musclemen among his athletes and said incredulously: "Nothing; just complete and absolute nothing. How can you explain it?"

He was talking of his hitters—and of their vapid contribution in the clutch. There seems little questioning that, at the end, the hits weren't there. However, that was at the end. For the long haul, for the entire season, the blame might be placed, more justifiably, on. . . .

THIN FIELDING: Here was the greatest disparity between the Dodgers and Giants. The Dodgers were the best fielding team in the majors; the Giants ranked 13th. Only the Phils in their own loop, and the Nats and A's in the other, kicked the ball around more than did Frisco's fumblers.

The weak glove became apparent early, as The Big Experiment fell on its face. Daryl Spencer, a good shortstop, was moved to second base during the formative stages of spring training, so that Andre Rodgers, a lanky Bahaman with potential bat power, could be inserted

Willie "Stretch" McCovey was brought up from Phoenix in July, had the hottest bat on the club till the season's end. McCovey was NL's top rookie.



Willie Mays, out at home as Braves Del Crandall puts on the tag, was overshadowed by McCovey and Cepeda, should have a chance to shine in the new ballpark in 1960.

at short. The plan was to provide the Giants down-the-line punch.

Andre's bat, however, could not compensate for his jittery glove. Hardly a day passed without his making an error. Eventually, Rigney was forced to give up on The Big Experiment. Rodgers was benched—and smooth-fielding Ed Bressoud became the shortstop—but not until the Giants had kicked away many games; games that would have won the pennant.

The poor fielding broke out in other spots during the remainder of the season. Jim Davenport, perhaps the best fielding third baseman in the league, in both leagues, seriously injured his knee in the late stages. Thus, even third base, the one solid spot in the Giant defense, became a troublesome one.

The promotion of spectacular-swinging Willie McCovey at midseason further weakened the Giant defense—although in this case, the sacrifice seemed well worth it. Orlando Cepeda, moved to left field so that McCovey could work at first, only faintly resembled Willie Mays. The Giants were weakened, defensively, at both spots—and Cepeda made little effort to cloak his dissatisfaction over being switched to a strange position.

It was a wonder, all in all, that the Giants remained on top for as long as they did—with such a vulnerable defense. It was a tribute to their scrap, and to Rigney's manipulation of his limited pitching resources, and to the inspirational batting reinforcement supplied by McCovey, just when collapse seemed imminent.

Still, nothing could diminish the shock of the blow at the time the Giants tumbled.

They look now toward this year. Rigney and the Giant brass marked a deepened pitching staff as the prime project—with emphasis on a bullpen specialist; a ninth-inning stopper of the McMahon, Sherry, Face ilk.

They look forward, too, to their spacious new ballpark, where Willie Mays, his great talents cramped by the physical limitations of Seals Stadium, will break out in all his ball-chasing brilliance.

They had better, too, hope that a few other fellows catch a few more baseballs in the course of the season. For Rigney, it may be a last chance to bring San Francisco the pennant it blew in 1959.

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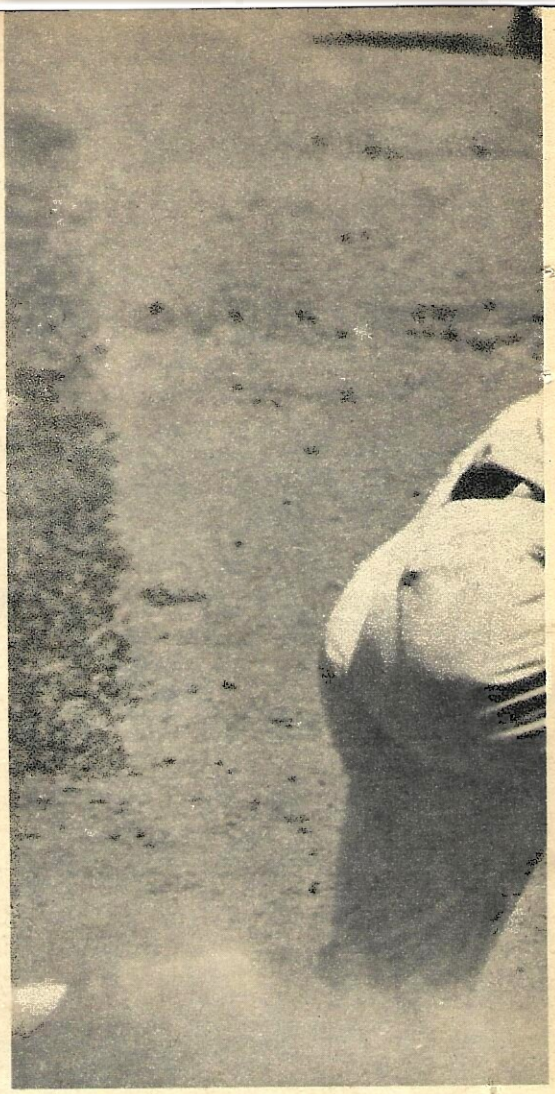
LADY LUCK WAS OUT TO LUNCH



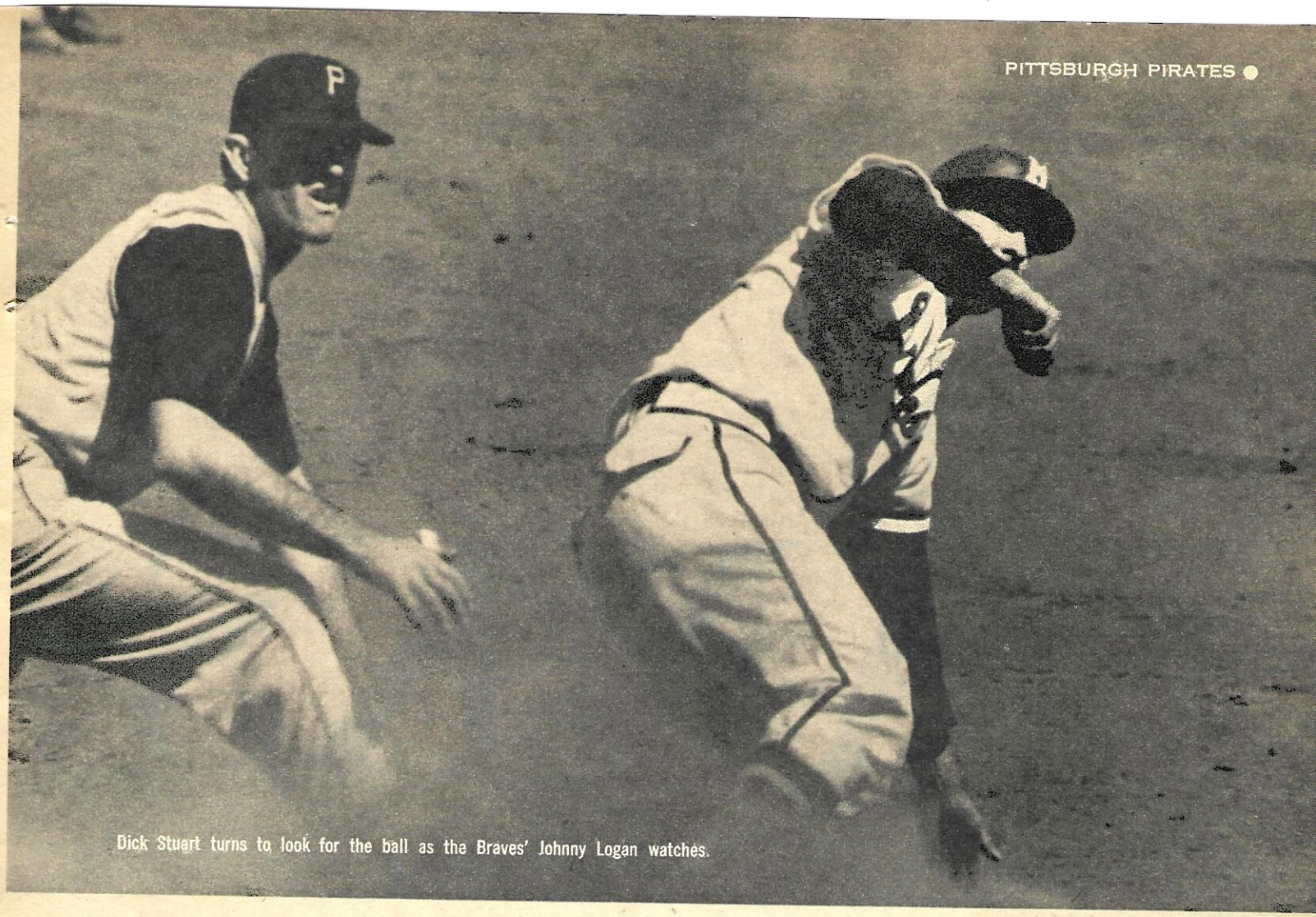
Harvey Haddix after THE game . . .

What happened to Harvey Haddix one memorable summer's night last year is typical of the type of luck the Pirates experienced all season—bad. Haddix is the little lefty who fired 12 perfect innings against the Braves, only to get beat, 1-0, on a boot in the 13th.

"That's the kind of year it was," recalls manager Danny Murtaugh, sifting through the pieces. "If just half the things that happened to us don't happen again, we'll give everybody a good run for the marbles. Let's face it, we have a pretty good ball club."

Pittsburgh had a pretty good ball club last time, too—good enough to have finished second the season before, and good enough to have gained substantial backing among the pennant-picking members of the press in the spring of 1959.

Then, the gate sprang open, the bell rang, all America shouted, "they're off"—and there, standing still in the stall, were the Pittsburgh Pirates. They didn't get off.



Dick Stuart turns to look for the ball as the Braves' Johnny Logan watches.

They lost their first five games, and never truly were in contention.

Even before the season began, the hex struck. Gene Baker, valuable utility infielder, failed to respond from knee surgery. His career was ended.

The season began—and Bob Friend, ace of the staff, didn't win a game for six weeks. It might have been expected that the two sensational rookie pitchers of the year before—George Witt and Curt Raydon, would pick up the slack. They both picked up less than nothing. Raydon did not throw a pitch for the Pirates all season; Witt did but shouldn't have. He wound up 0-and-7. Thus, the Bucs got absolutely no wins from two young hopefuls who had combined for 17-and-6 a year earlier.

Elsewhere on the squad, injuries struck talented outfielder Roberto Clemente and catcher Hank Foiles, both out for a month; Bob Skinner wrestled a wall early in the season and never quite got back to snuff, dropping 42 points to .279.

Bill Mazeroski, who was being compared to Charley Gehringer and other all-time second basemen the year before, grew fat under the mistaken impression that weight would add batting power. He became just another infielder. Dick Groat and Bill Virdon had bad years; no excuses.

There were brightnesses, however—the shining spots that make eternal optimists of all baseball people, and fools of sports writers. Don Hoak and Smoky Burgess, obtained from Cincinnati in the controversial swap involving Frank Thomas, were the two brightest. Rocky Nelson, the man on a yo-yo, came up again in the draft and did well as a part-time first baseman, superbly as a pinch-hitter, with a .394 average in the pinch.

Pittsburgh's first baseman of the future, however, its glamor-puss who is to make the fans forget Ralph Kiner (forget Babe Ruth, *he* says), is strutting, defiant, talented Dick Stuart, the boy with the big bat and bigger ego. He walloped 27 homers, a couple of which are said still to be rolling, and he improved at first base to the extent that he lost no teeth.

And, of course, there was the most brilliant, the most swashbuckling of all Pirates—unbeatable ElRoy Face; unbeatable, that is, till the near-end of the season when he lost his first game. No relief pitcher, no modern pitcher of any sort, ever had won 17 straight. Counting five hangover wins from 1958, it was 22 in a row before the Dodgers snapped his uncanny string. Roy wound up 18-and-1.

Joe Brown, the youthful general manager, believes they may all get a shot at the big money in the World Series. "Bob Friend will never have another 8-and-19 year," reasons Brown. "This club is young and coming. It has guts, too. It proved it by coming from behind in the sixth inning or later to win games. Now, if we can just get lucky . . ."

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THE CUBS BANK ON ERNIE BANKS

The relief manager, Charlie Grimm, has Ernie Banks. But how far can one man carry a club all by himself?

Banks was not only a great slugger but a first rate fielder at shortstop as well.

The Cubs didn't quite make the first division in 1959—but they certainly made trouble for it. Against the three pennant contenders, as a group, Chicago played break-even ball. All three visited Chicago with apprehension; there was none of the former "we'll get fat here" attitude.

Against the eventual winners, the Dodgers, Chicago split even, 11-11; against the runner-up Braves, they were edged on the season, 10-12; they ruined the Giants in the last days of the season to finish with a 12-10 credit. That's the edge, too, that the Cubs held over the fourth place club, Pittsburgh. Add them all up and you have: Chicago 45 wins, First Division, 43. It was a sadistically pleasant season for a team that finished no better than tied for fifth.

What's more, this Cub team won more games, 74, than any Cub team had in seven years. As a reward for these achievements, Bob Scheffing was fired by Phil Wrigley at the conclusion of the season.

"I believe managers are expendable," said Mr. Wrigley, whose infallibility began at birth. "In fact, I believe there should be relief managers, just as there are relief pitchers."

So, out of the managerial bull pen, for the third time in Cub annals, came Charles John Grimm, yclept Jolly Cholly. Before getting the call, Jolly Cholly had been Cub vice president in charge of something. He retains his executive status—commanding thereby inordinate respect from everyone except NL umpires. It will seem strange to see a vice president going into a fake faint in the third base coaching box because an ump has blown a call. It will sound equally strange when Jocko Conlan says:

"Mr. Vice President, I'm sorry, but you'll have to leave now."

Grimm falls heir to perhaps the best all-around ballplayer in the business today—Ernie Banks. From there, to the rest of the employes, there is a considerable drop in quality.

Among the few encouraging faces Grimm can gaze upon are: Glen Hobbie, whose total of 16 wins constituted the highest Cub total since Bob Rush's 17 in 1952; the relief twins, Don Elston and Bill Henry, each of whom appeared in 65 games; and Ernie Banks, and Ernie Banks, and Ernie Banks.

For the second straight year, something that hadn't occurred previously in the NL, Banks was named MVP by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. It is an especially remarkable achievement with a second division club.

Banks knocked in 143 runs—highest NL total since 1937 when Joe Medwick prodded over 154. Banks banged 45 homers. No big league shortstop had hit 40 homers till Ernie came along. He has done it, or better, four times.

His glove makes him the complete ball player. He set a major league record for fewest errors by a shortstop (12) this past season, plus the related record, highest fielding percentage (.985).

Still, how far can one man carry a club? The Cubs, on the morning of July 29, stuck their nose high into fourth place, just four lengths off the lead. That afternoon, they launched a seven game losing streak —and were done.

It will be up to the "relief manager" to avoid such depressants as seven game losing streaks.

It will also be up to the Cubs' management to make some trades that will strengthen the club. Lack of an adequate catching corps, in both the hitting and fielding departments, was often responsible for blown ball games. Fresh blood is also needed at first base and at third as well.

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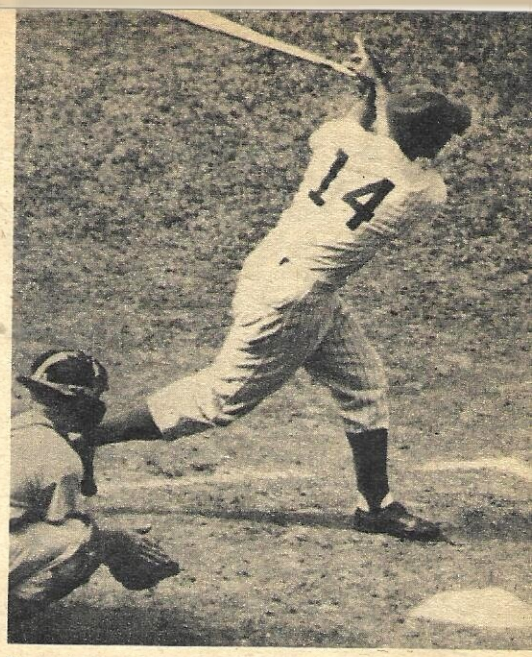
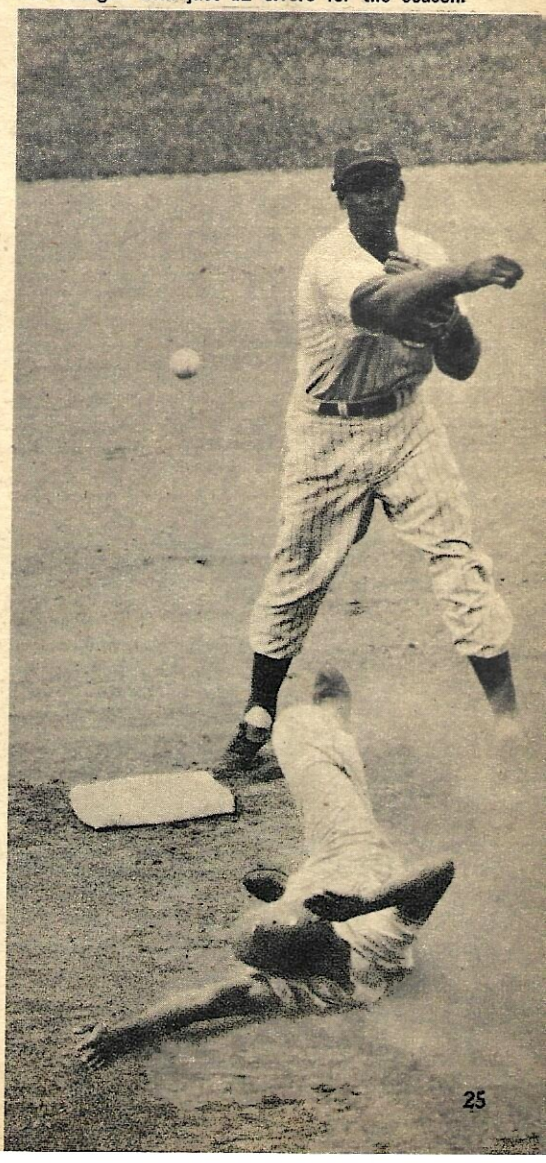


Banks bashed 45 homers, lost a tie for league leadership when Mathews hit one in the playoff.

Banks fielded his position so surely that he was charged with just 12 errors for the season.



THE REDLEGS seem surfeited in the wrong direction, and have the shorts where it counts. They have had two managers a season for the past two years, which is more than sufficient. The pitching has not been that deep. Gabe Paul, the general manager, has decided to stick with Fred Hutchinson as pilot, at least for the present, and to concentrate on adding some hurlers. Hutch, in his active days, was a better pitcher than anything he has at the moment.

The fate of the 1959 Redlegs, a fifth-place tie with the Chicago Cubs, is blatant evidence that a team can't club its way to the pennant. Cincy led the National League in batting (.274), in hits (1448), in runs scored (764).

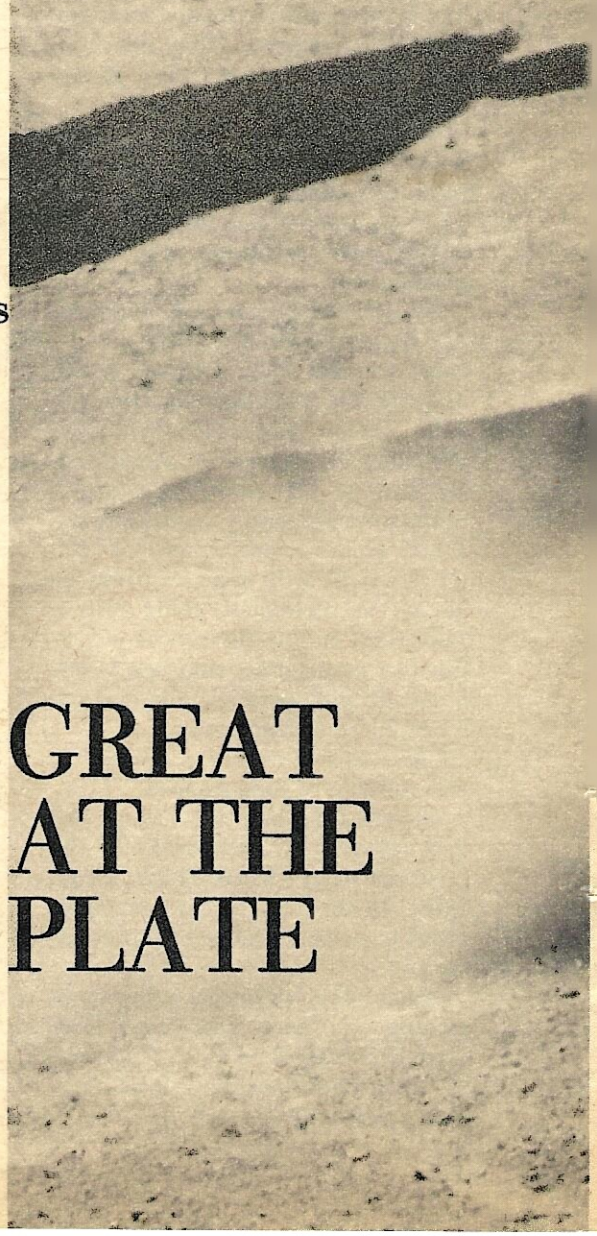
The Reds' fielding wasn't exactly deplorable, either. Statistically, it was in fact rather boastful—ranking third behind the Dodgers and Milwaukee.

But the pitching!

The Reds were seventh as a staff, based on a 4.31 ERA, which is pretty base. "It's no secret," says Gabe Paul, "we need pitching—primarily a relief pitcher who can go in there in the clutch and get somebody out." Gabe's personal file of hot-stove figures shows that Cincy blew 27 games that it led in the late innings.

Paul's attitude toward the needs of the club is something of a reversal since the spring of 1959. Then, during the Florida shopping season, Paul seemed almost annoyed at suggestions that his club could use some pitching. "Our pitching," he said, "isn't as bad as people think."

He was right; it was worse. Only one man, Don Newcombe, finished above .500 among what could be termed fairly regular pitchers. Big Newk, 7-and-13 the year before, after going to the Reds from Los Angeles, made a brilliant comeback to 13-and-8. The other bright spot was supplied by Jim Brosnan, procured during the season from the



First in hitting, seventh in pitching, Fred Hutchinson needs "hill help" to get the Reds out of the second division.

Jim O'Toole, a promising rookie pitcher, cracked up in a mid-season automobile crash.

ILL ON THE HILL

GREAT AT THE PLATE

Cards for Hal Jeffcoat, in a move to bolster the bullpen. Brosnan wound up 8-and-3 for Cincy.

Prominent among Paul's disappointments was Bob Purkey, a truly fine pitcher who had a truly poor year and wound up with 13-and-18. The young ones with whom Paul had hoped to surprise the world, also fell short —Jim O'Toole, Orlando Pena, Jay Hook and such. Ditto, hard-working Brooks Lawrence.

Undoubtedly the largest single disappointment to Paul was Frank Thomas, key figure in a highly controversial deal with Pittsburgh. Thomas was expected to give the already-powerful Reds invincible wallop. He didn't. Hampered much of the year by a pained hand, Frank finished at .225, with only 12 homers for the worst year of his life.

The Reds expect him to come back. Manager Hutchinson plans transferring him to first base, and playing Frank Robinson in the outfield. Along with Gus Bell, who made a fine comeback, and Vada Pinson, who came fast, Robinson will give Cincy an outfield second to none.

The Reds also are entitled to expect greater productivity from shortstop Roy McMillan, who was out much of the season with one injury and another. They also have several Latin sensations coming up from their Havana club—and a Nordic who prepped with them named Ted Wieand.

They expect, too, a second-shot click by Raul Sanchez, alleged spitballer; possible development to major status by young Claude Osteen, a flamethrower; and winning efforts by O'Toole, Hook and Pena.

The most promising development of all, if it remains unchanged, is Gabe Paul's realization that his pitching really *was* "as bad as people think"—and that he will trade to do something about it.

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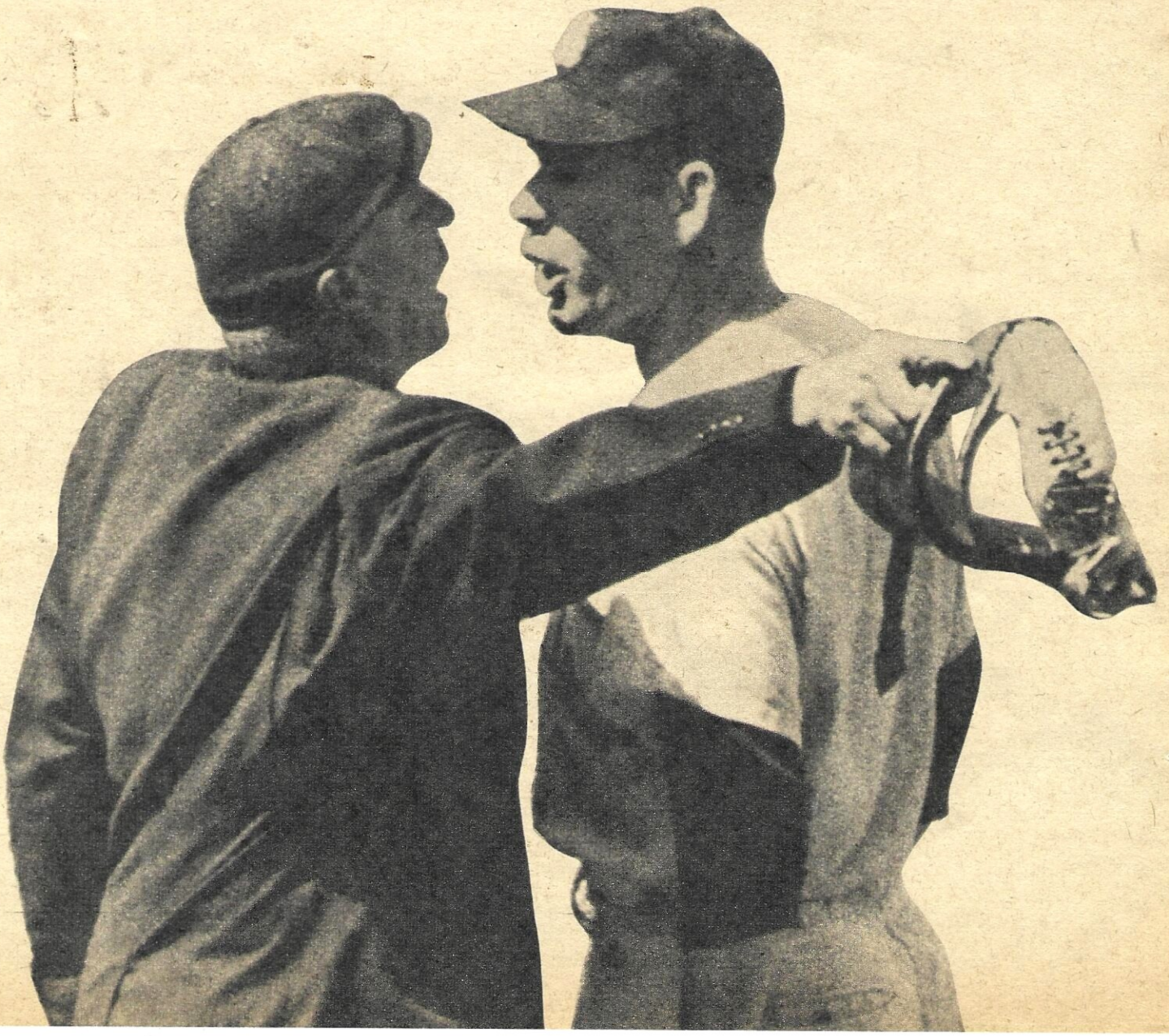
Frank Robinson, safe at the plate, returned to form with a .311 average, 36 homers.

SOLLY HEMUS THE CARDS BLEW 83 GAMES HIS STACK



Ken Boyer, sliding safely across the plate as Reds' catcher Bailey awaits the throw, is a top Card.

Two words, three digits sum up the Cardinal season for 1959: Stan Musial .255.

The Man, having carried the club through a lifetime of baseball, suddenly discovered what no man wants to admit—you grow old. The St. Louis ball club apparently still isn't willing to admit it in Musial's case. Toward the end of last season, there came a strange announcement out of St. Louis: Stan Musial, it said in effect, is not retiring. He intends to play next season. They were taking the trouble to make the announcement, it was explained, because they wanted to sit Stan down for the remainder of the season, give him a good rest, then start him off fresh again in the spring.

Musial himself expressed confidence that, with such a plan, plus his determination to get into top trim at training camp, there will be a Musial comeback. And the Cards, like the Confederacy, will rise again.

Maybe so. The Cards rose like unleavened bread last year. They dropped 16 of their first 21, never quite got up to playing .500 ball, and wound up losing 83 games for the year. In the end, they were seventh, topping only Philly and a few Little League teams from The Hill in St. Louis.

If, by some deserved and extremely popular miracle, Musial does find the fountain of youth, the Cards could crack the first division. That, until their pitching improves, would seem to be the best they can hope for. Without Musial, they will settle for less.

The Cardinal front office, in its heart, knows it must face up to the day when there will be no Musial; when it must go with youth. The rather reluctant rebuilding program was initiated to some extent last year. Joe Cunningham, a part-time worker till then, became a regular—and a good one. He hit .345—third best in the league. A trade for Bill White supplied added punch—but at the extravagant price of their best pitcher, Sam Jones. Kenny Boyer came up with that good season everyone suspected was in him; there was added encouragement for rookie manager Solly Hemus in the performances of Don Blasingame, Gino Cimoli and Hal Smith.

They got the hits—enough to rank St. Louis second in club batting. But the hits didn't make runs. They were the small hits. The Cards' run production was in direct inverse proportion to their batting average—second from the bottom in the NL. Ditto their homers.

They need sock. They also need pitching. As a staff, they were the worst in the league. Lindy McDaniel, finding his niche in the bullpen, relieved till his arm hung, and in the end he had appeared in 62 games—more than any Cardinal in history. It reflects well on Lindy McDaniel; it reflects horror on the Cardinal starters.

Aside from Lindy, the only apparent quality on the staff last year was in the arm of Larry Jackson. The Birds must look to the development of such hopefuls as Ernie Broglio, Bob Miller and Bob Gibson.

The biggest excitement of last season was the brimstone and fire exhuded by new Manager Hemus who baited and bullied umpires, received hundreds of dollars' worth of fines and was finally reprimanded by the league president. Hemus will doubtless profit from his first year's experience.

But most of all, for their immediate needs, they must look for one more good year from Stan Musial before he becomes an executive in the Busch empire.

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THE PHILS...

Eddie Sawyer says he had the fastest club in the league last year. "You never saw ballplayers," he relates, "dress and get out of the clubhouse so fast!"

Perhaps if you were a member of an eighth-place ball club, you would want to get away from it all as quickly as possible, too. Sawyer interprets it, however, as a manifestation of lagging interest on the part of too many players, and suggests sweeping changes in personnel. That is, if he can find clubs that will take some of his men. When you lose 90 ball games, you generally run into difficulty trading your players for anybody worthwhile.

Still, there always is Richie Ashburn, who is a major leaguer in any park. He simply had a poor year. Rich's average plummeted from a league-leading .350 to .266. And he hit only one homer—a drop from two the year before.

Others who were extreme disappointments to Sawyer, and to owner Bob Carpenter, who has a rather good collection of disappointments since the pennant year of 1950 are: Harry Anderson, the potentially fine lefty hitter who batted only .240; Ruben Gomez, obtained from the Giants for the purpose of winning more than three games; Valmy Thomas, also obtained from the Giants with the expectation he'd be first-string catcher—but Valmy batted a nice, round .200 and ranked tenth among NL catchers in fielding.

There was also the misfortune of Curt Simmons, who pitched hardly at all, and might be through at 30.

Even for an eighth-place team, however, all is not sadness. Out of a grab-bag swap of fringe players with Milwaukee came Gene Conley and Joe Koppe. Gene, 0-and-6 the year before, staged a fine comeback with Philly. He wound up 12-and-7, with a 3.00 ERA that ranked sixth in the NL. Koppe pushed Chico Fernandez out of the regular job at shortstop, and made the all-star rookie team.

Sawyer looks for continued help from pitchers like Jim Owens and Don Cardwell, who can fire the ball; from bullpenners Jack Meyer, who can fire bullets when he seems so inclined, and Taylor Phillips, who someday may grow a head to go with his healthy arm.

There are, too, the pros—Wally Post and Ed Bouchee and Gene Freese—who turn in a season's work for a season's pay. Some of these may go, because in a housecleaning a club must give up something worthwhile in order to hide the garbage.

Coming up from the farms, full of hope and ambition, are Jim Coker, a catcher; Frank Herrara, a third baseman who could push Freese into the outfield; Rube Amaro, a Mexican shortstop; Bobby Del Greco (yes, THE Bobby Del Greco, who was rushed up to the majors and failed with Pitt, St. Loo, and with the Yanks—but who still won't be 27 till the season opens); and Chris Short, a lefty pitcher who may step in if Simmons fails in his attempt to make one more comeback.

They should improve the Phils. After all, is much required to improve a club whose longest winning streak in 1959 was three games?

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WENT DOWN THE DRAIN

First baseman Ed Bouchee hit .285 but disappointed with only 15 home runs.

Chico Fernandez lost his shortstop job to a rookie.

George Anderson (left, foreground) and Chico collide going after a pop fly. Phils were dead last in fielding.

Anderson was steady at second but he hit at a pitiful .218 clip.

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General Manager, Cleveland Indians

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Manager, Milwaukee Braves

"THE GREATEST GAME

BY WARREN SPAHN

Pitcher, Milwaukee Braves

Cincinnati Reds
vs.
Detroit Tigers
Oct. 8, 1940

by Frank Lane

"The most excited I ever got was in the last game of the World Series between the Cincinnati Reds and Detroit Tigers in 1940. The date was October 8. I was then assistant general manager of the Reds and I remember we had to win the last two games for the championship. Bobo Newsom beat us in the fifth game 8-0 to give Detroit a 3-2 lead and it looked all over—but Bucky Walters shut out the Tigers in the sixth game 4-0 and we were all even again.

"Newsom came back with only one day's rest to pitch against big Paul Derringer in the final game. It was the best game played in the series and never did I see so much excitement.

"Newsom nursed a 1-0 lead until the seventh. Frank McCormick opened with a double. Jimmy Ripple followed with a drive to right center. McCormick thought the ball might be caught and held up. Bruce Campbell, in right, didn't do too good a job of fielding it. He finally got the ball and threw it back into the infield. Dick Bartell, the shortstop, caught it with his back to the plate. He hadn't seen McCormick hold up and conceded the run. In the meantime, Frank was only about five feet past third base. Mike Higgins, the third baseman, screamed for the ball but the crowd was making so much noise Bartell didn't hear him. While McCormick was lumbering home with the tying run, Bartell was tossing the ball up in the air and playing catch.

"I remember when McCormick held up, I nearly fell off the roof. I had forgotten where I was in my excitement. I could see Campbell wouldn't catch the ball and I yelled to Frank, 'Run, you big SOB, run.'

"I screamed at him then and I screamed at him again when he rounded third. This time I was yelling 'Hold up, you SOB, hold up.' I thought he was a goner. He would have been, too, if Bartell had turned around.

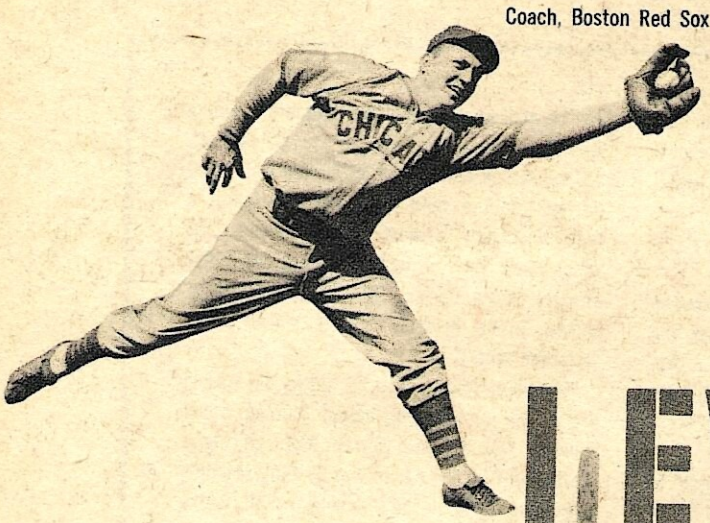
"Ripple stopped at second during the excitement. He went to third on Jimmy Wilson's sacrifice. Ernie Lombardi, batting for Eddie Joost, walked and Billy Myers scored Ripple with a sacrifice fly. That run gave us the game 2-1 and the World Series."

BY LARRY GOETZ

Former umpire, National League

BY BILLY HERMAN

Coach, Boston Red Sox



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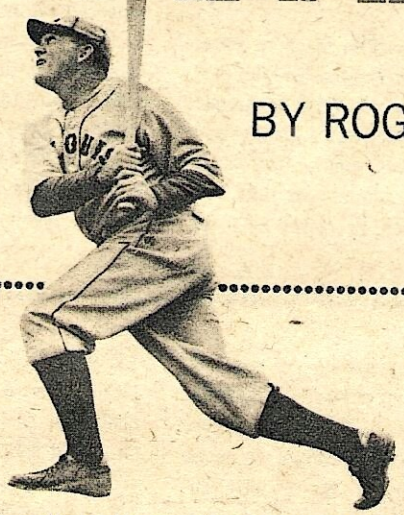

BY ROGERS HORNSBY

Baseball Hall of Fame member

St. Louis Cardinals
vs.
New York Yankees
Oct. 10, 1926

by Rogers Hornsby

"It was the seventh game of the 1926 World Series between the Cardinals and Yankees. As manager of the Cardinals, I was one game away from bringing to St. Louis its first world championship in history—and against one of the finest of all Yankee teams.

"The day before, we had evened the series at three apiece when old Pete Alexander breezed to an easy 10-2 triumph. It was now or never for both. Jess Haines was our pitcher. Miller Huggins' choice was Waite Hoyt. The scene was Yankee Stadium.

"The Yanks got a run in the third. We got three in the fourth. The Yankees got a run in the sixth. Haines got the first two men in the seventh. Then he suddenly became wild. He walked three straight batters to fill the bases. I walked over to him to find out what was wrong. He showed me his right hand. A blister had formed on the first finger. We were in a tight spot. I had to make a change. I called old Pete Alexander in from the bullpen.

"So there was Alex on the mound and Tony Lazzeri at the plate. The bases were loaded. There was no place to put Tony. Pete's first pitch was a curve and Tony missed. The next pitch was a fast ball. The ball was hit hard but it went foul by a few feet. The next pitch was a curve. Lazzeri swung and missed.

"The game wasn't over, though. Alexander retired the Yanks in order in the eighth and disposed of the first two men in the ninth. Babe Ruth came up with two out and nobody on. The count reached 3-2 and the Babe walked on the sixth pitch. Bob Meusel was next. Meusel could hit the ball as far as anybody. Then came the big surprise. On the first pitch, the Babe lit out for second. It surprised me but not our catcher, Bob O'Farrell. He threw to me and we got Ruth by 10 feet. I'll always remember putting the ball on the Babe. It meant that St. Louis was the champion of the world."

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"THE GREATEST GAME I EVER SAW"

Brooklyn Dodgers
vs.
New York Yankees
Oct. 2, 1953

by Chuck Dressen

"It has to be the game in which Carl Erskine struck out all those Yankees. How many was it . . . 14? Yes, that's right. And just think. Two days before these same Yankees had knocked him out in the first inning when they got four runs off him.

"It was in the 1953 World Series, between the Dodgers and Yankees. I was managing the Dodgers then. In the opener, played on September 30, Carl didn't have it. I could see that right away. After a couple of Yankees got on base, I went out to see him, thinking of pulling him out, but he wanted to pitch to one more and it was Martin, I think, and he hit a big triple.

"But he came right back in the third game, October 2. This one was in Brooklyn. The first game was in Yankee Stadium. I had no alternative but to start Carl, who was my ace, since we had lost the first two games. This was a different Erskine. He allowed six hits, all singles, and walked three. He racked up 11 of his 14 strikeouts against lefthanders, fanning Mickey Mantle and Joe Collins four times each, and he struck out Johnny Mize, who was pinch hitting, for the final out. That was quite a feat, especially against a powerhouse club which won five straight pennants and five straight World Series. This 14 strikeouts, of course, broke Howard Ehmke's World Series strikeout record of 13.

"However, Erskine had to battle Vic Raschi every inch of the way before gaining a 3-2 triumph. The Yankees scored first, getting a run in the fifth inning, set up by Billy Martin's single. Jackie Robinson's double, a balk and a squeeze bunt by Billy Cox enabled the Dodgers to tie the score in our half of the inning. Robinson's single brought in another run in the sixth but the Yankees evened the score in the eighth on Gene Woodling's single. We won it in our half of the eighth, when Roy Campanella, first batter to face Raschi, smashed a home run into the left field bleachers."

Cleveland Indians
vs.
New York Giants
Sept. 29, 1954

by Larry Goetz

"It's difficult to separate the one that stands out in my mind as the greatest. I must have umpired more than five thousand games. I think I've been involved in more sensational and memorable games than any other umpire. For example, I umpired the game in which Bobby Thomson hit that pennant home run in the 1951 playoffs; I umpired the game in which Mickey Owen's muff of a third strike opened the gates for the Yankees in the 1941 World Series; I umpired the game in which Al Gionfriddo made that miraculous catch on DiMaggio in the 1947 World Series; I umpired the game in which Bill Bevens pitched that no-hitter against Brooklyn until two were out in the 1947 series, and then Cookie Lavagetto beat him with a two-run double. I also umpired a number of no-hitters.

"But the greatest I ever saw was the game between the Giants and Indians in the Polo Grounds in the 1954 World Series. And I didn't even umpire in that one—I was a spectator. That was the game in which Willie Mays made that stupendous catch on a ball I never believed could be caught by anyone. You remember the setup? It was the opening game. Sal Maglie of New York and Bob Lemon of Cleveland, were the opposing pitchers. The Indians had snapped the Yankees five-pennant string but had to set a new American League record of 111 victories to do it. The Giants won the race easily.

"Mays' great catch came in the eighth. The score was still tied at 2-2 but the Indians had two men on base, with only one out. Don Liddle, a lefthander, had replaced Maglie. Wertz smashed a fast ball that appeared headed for the center field bleachers. It was a tremendous smash, one of the hardest hit balls I've ever seen. Willie raced to the wall with his back to the plate and snared the 460-foot drive perhaps a foot in front of the center field bleacher wall.

"The catch was spectacular in itself but what made the play even more sensational was the way he got the ball back to the infield. Although he was off balance and as I said, with his back to the plate, he had the instinct to throw the ball to the right base. Nobody advanced on the long drive. And it was a perfect throw, off-balance, too. That catch made it the greatest game I ever saw."

Catcher and manager Gabby Hartnett took things into his own hands, hit the winning home run in the greatest game Billy Herman ever saw.

Chicago Cubs
vs.
Pittsburgh Pirates
Sept. 28, 1938

by Billy Herman

"I'll never forget it. We (the Cubs, that is) were playing Pittsburgh in Chicago. We trailed the Pirates by half a game after having beaten them the day before 2-1. We had to do it again. Clay Bryant, a righthander, was our pitcher. Bob Klinger, another righthander, was Pittsburgh's pitcher. Before we were through, our manager, Gabby Hartnett, threw in six pitchers, including our three big men, Bill Lee, Larry French and Charlie Root.

"We scored in the second inning on a couple of errors. But Pittsburgh went ahead with three in the sixth. We tied it up in our half. But Jeep Handley singled in two runs in the eighth to give the Pirates a 5-3 lead. Ripper Collins opened our half of the eighth with a single and Billy Jurges walked. Tony Lazzeri batted for Lee and doubled Rip home. After Stan Hack walked, I singled in Jurges to tie it up again. The rally ended when Joe Marty, who had run for Lazzeri, was thrown out at the plate on my hit and Frank Demaree hit into a double play.

"It was getting dark by then. But the umpires decided to let us go one more inning. Root retired Pittsburgh in order in the ninth. In our half, Phil Cavarretta flied out and Carl Reynolds grounded out. One more out and the game would be called. Hartnett, the skipper, was up. He swung and missed Mace Brown's first pitch and fouled off the next. One more swing. Gabby hit the next pitch. All I knew was that he hit it. It was so dark by that time that I couldn't see where it went. Gabby knew, though . . . the minute he hit it. We weren't sure until umpire George Barr signalled that the ball which landed in the left field bleachers, was a home run. We were in first place. The pennant wasn't officially won but it might just as well have been. We had taken the heart out of Pittsburgh. We clinched things a couple of days later.

"I've seen a lot of great games played in my career as a player and a coach and manager, but looking back on my whole career, it was that one game which Hartnett won for us so dramatically that stands out as the greatest single game I ever saw."

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"THE GREATEST GAME I EVER SAW"

Boston Braves
vs.
Cleveland Indians
Oct. 6, 1948

by Warren Spahn

"It was the first game of the 1948 World Series between the Braves and Indians. We were still in Boston then. Johnny Sain and Bob Feller hooked up in that one. Two masters of the mound. Sain gave up four hits; Feller two. The score was Boston 1, Cleveland 0. I honestly believe if Tommy Holmes hadn't gotten the hit that drove in the only run of the game, neither side would have scored all afternoon. John and Bob were superb that afternoon in Braves Field.

"I remember the Monday before the Series opened. The whole Braves team went over to Fenway Park to watch the Indians and Red Sox in the playoff for the American League pennant. The Indians looked like a real power hitting team. They got 13 hits for 25 total bases. Lou Boudreau hit two homers and Ken Keltner one.

"The Series opened on Wednesday. Sain threw nothing but curves; Feller mostly his blazing fast ball. Through five innings, each side made only one hit. Keltner singled for Cleveland in the second but stayed there. Marv Rickert singled for Boston in the fifth and reached second on a sacrifice but got no further. Larry Doby's single in the sixth was the last hit given up by Sain.

"Until the eighth, Feller had given up only one hit. Bill Salkeld opened the inning with a walk and Phil Masi ran for him. Mike McCormick sacrificed. Eddie Stanky was walked purposely. Then came the controversial play of the series. Lou Boudreau, the Cleveland manager and shortstop, sneaked behind Masi and took Feller's throw at second. It was the pickoff play. Bill Stewart, the umpire, called Masi safe. The Indians, led by Boudreau, put up a real fuss, but the decision remained. Feller got Sain for the second out. Tommy Holmes was up now with two out. He hit the ball inside the third base line and Masi scored with the only run of the game.

"Sain still had to pitch the ninth. He got Boudreau on a fly and Joe Gordon on a foul but Keltner got two bases on Bob Elliott's wild throw. Wally Judnich was the next batter. Sain, as calm as ever, struck him out on three straight pitches."

Lou Boudreau turns to protest to umpire Bill Stewart after his attempt to pick off the Braves' Phil Masi failed. Most fans sided with Lou.

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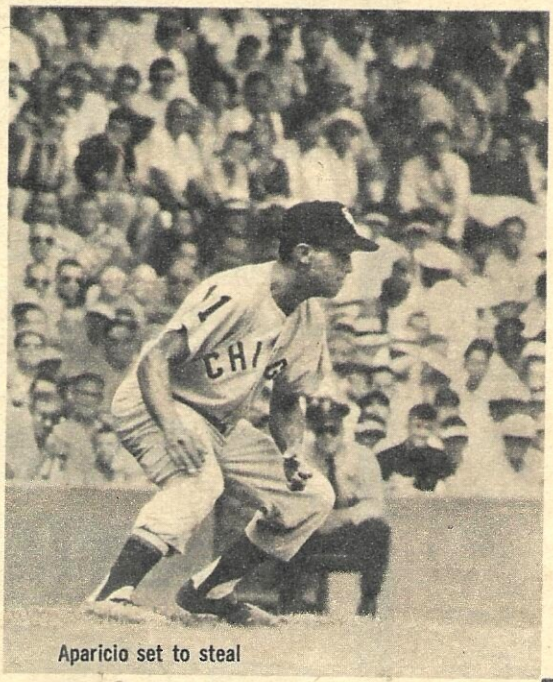

Aparicio set to steal

One of the most fantastic innings in the history of baseball was unfolded in Kansas City last April 22. The White Sox scored 11 runs in one inning—*on one hit.* The lone blow was a single by the rookie outfielder, Johnny Callison, and along with it, the Sox were the beneficiaries of 10 bases on balls, a hit batsman, a stolen base, and three errors by the Athletics. The final score was 20 to 6.

That was typical of Lopez' team. The total was unusual, but as the season progressed, it became evident that the White Sox were going a long way on a little. In an exaggerated sense, a walk, a stolen base, a sacrifice bunt and a sacrifice fly constituted a batting rally. The combination was enough to pro-

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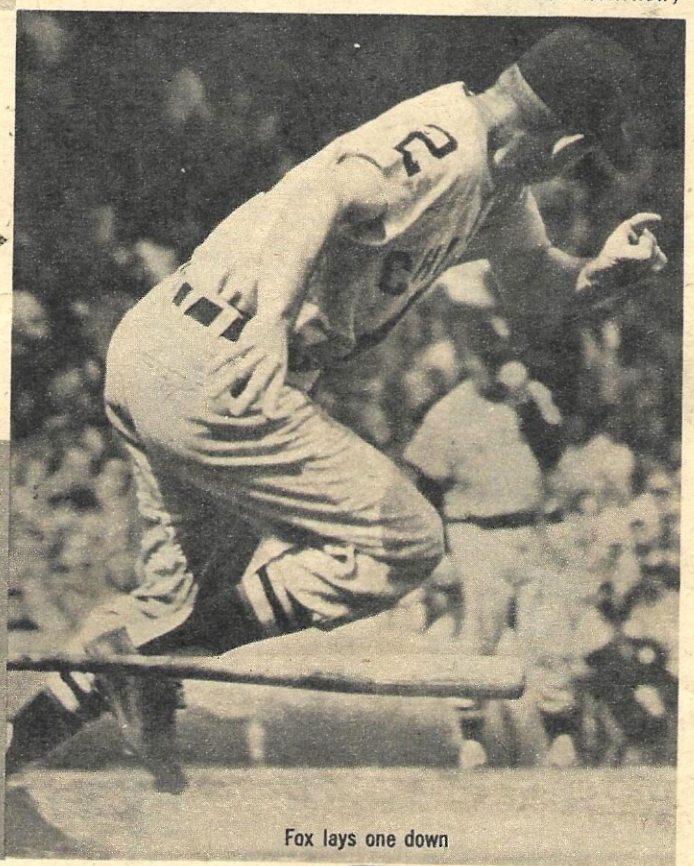
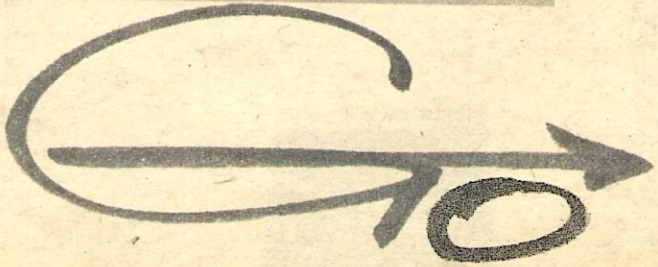


Fox lays one down



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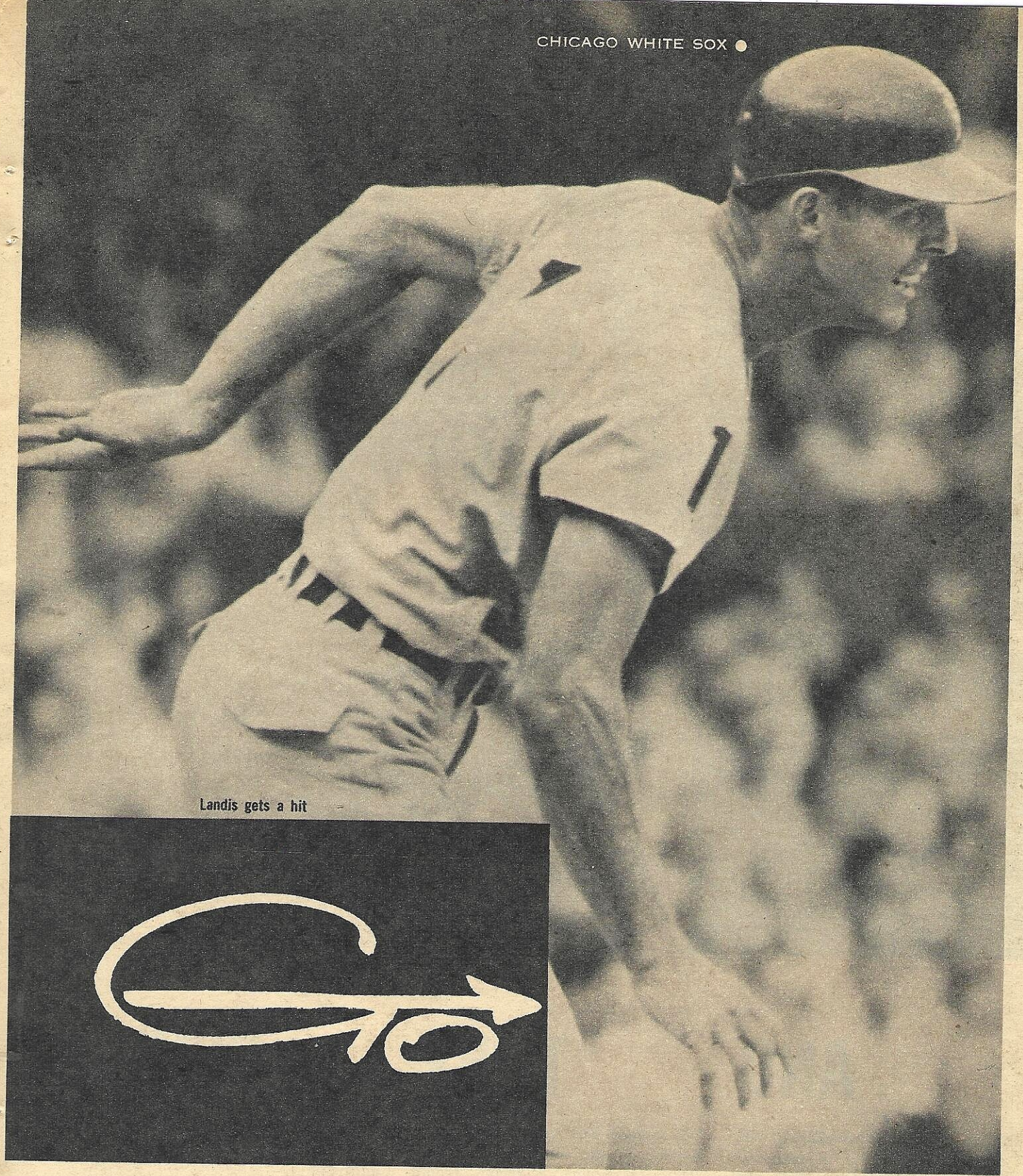
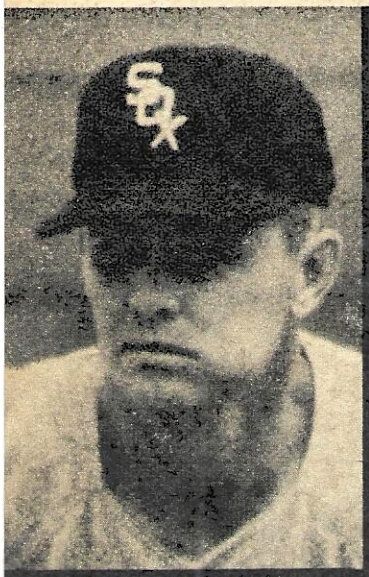


Landis gets a hit

White Sox photos by Dick Darcey

They played old-fashioned baseball with a walk, a steal, a sacrifice and a fly taking the place of the long ball. With Lopez mastermindiṅg perfectly, the "runless wonders" went all the way.



Fox was most valuable

Wynn was the big pitcher

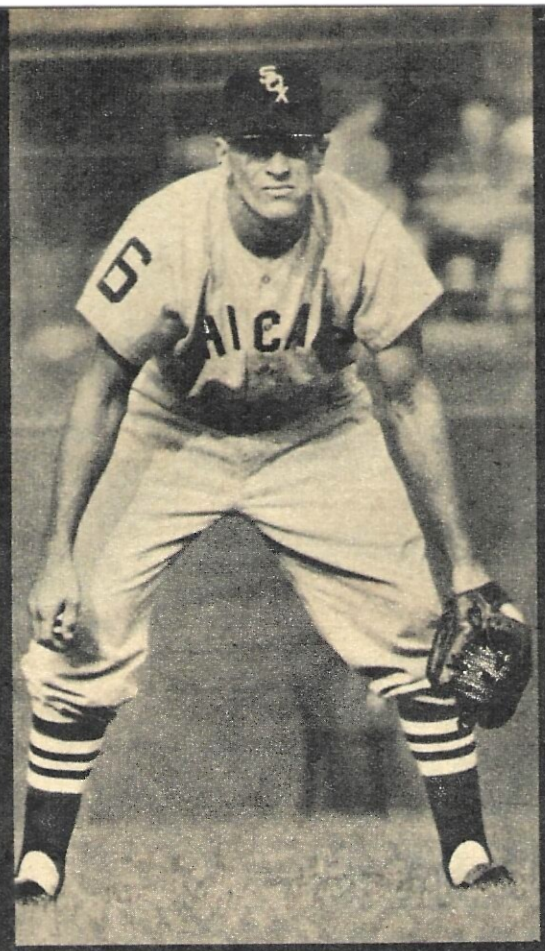
AND THEY WENT

duce a run and frequently a win.

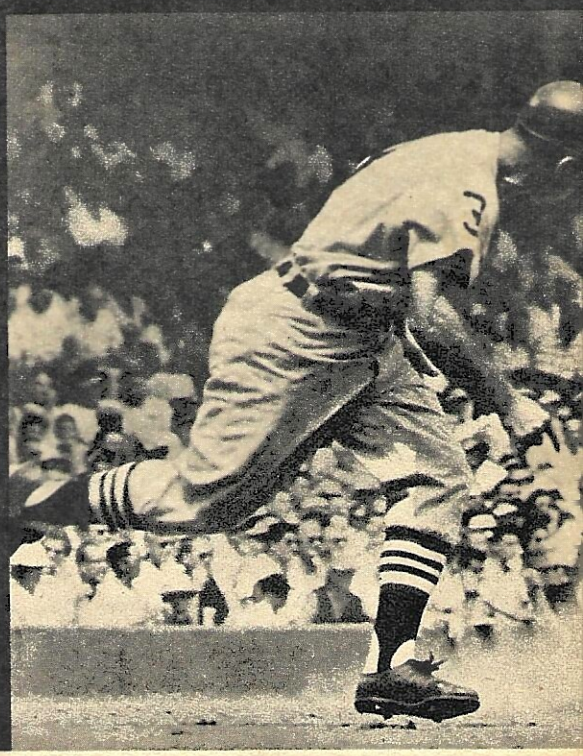
Any blueprint for a pennant-winning club calls for a few .300 hitters; a No. 3 or No. 4 man in the lineup capable of driving 30 or more baseballs out of the park in one season; one or more swingers who can collect 100 RBIs; and at least a couple of pitchers who can muster 20 victories apiece.

The White Sox had one .300 hitter, Nelson Fox (.306). They had no one in the 30 homers or 100 RBIs categories. Sherman Lollar (.265) was their leader in both departments, with 22 and 84, respectively. They had only one 20-game pitcher, Early Wynn, with 22. Old theories insist upon slugging outfielders. There were two regular fly hawks, Jim Landis and Al Smith, with marks of .272 and .237. Jim McAnany and Jim Rivera alternated, and their statistics were .276 and .220.

First base usually is occupied by a big hitter. Earl Torgeson batted .220, and the alternating third basemen, Bubba Phillips and Billy Goodman, contributed .264 and .250. Aparicio was on base often enough to cause trouble despite an unimpressive .257.



Goodman gave them "bench"



Torgeson held first until Big Klu arrived

ALL THE WAY

Different as they were from all the Yankee teams that ever gave a pitcher the miseries, the White Sox followed one Yankee formula as they headed down the stretch toward the title that had been so elusive for so long. They dipped into the National League August 25 and came up with Ted Kluszewski. The 35-year-old first baseman hit only two homers, but he delivered some clutch singles, and the homers came in a cluster, on Labor Day, when the Sox won a double-header.

In one other respect, they adopted the Yankee script. They whipped the clubs they had to beat, notably the runnerup Cleveland team. In fact, they won their season's series from all opponents except the Orioles, who gained a draw, but they were virtually at their best against the Indians, from whom they won 15 out of 22. Only the series with the tailend Senators was more productive for the Sox, with the generous Washington club bowing on 16 occasions.

They never fell into a serious slump, flirted with the lead through the first half of the season, and gained permanent possession of the

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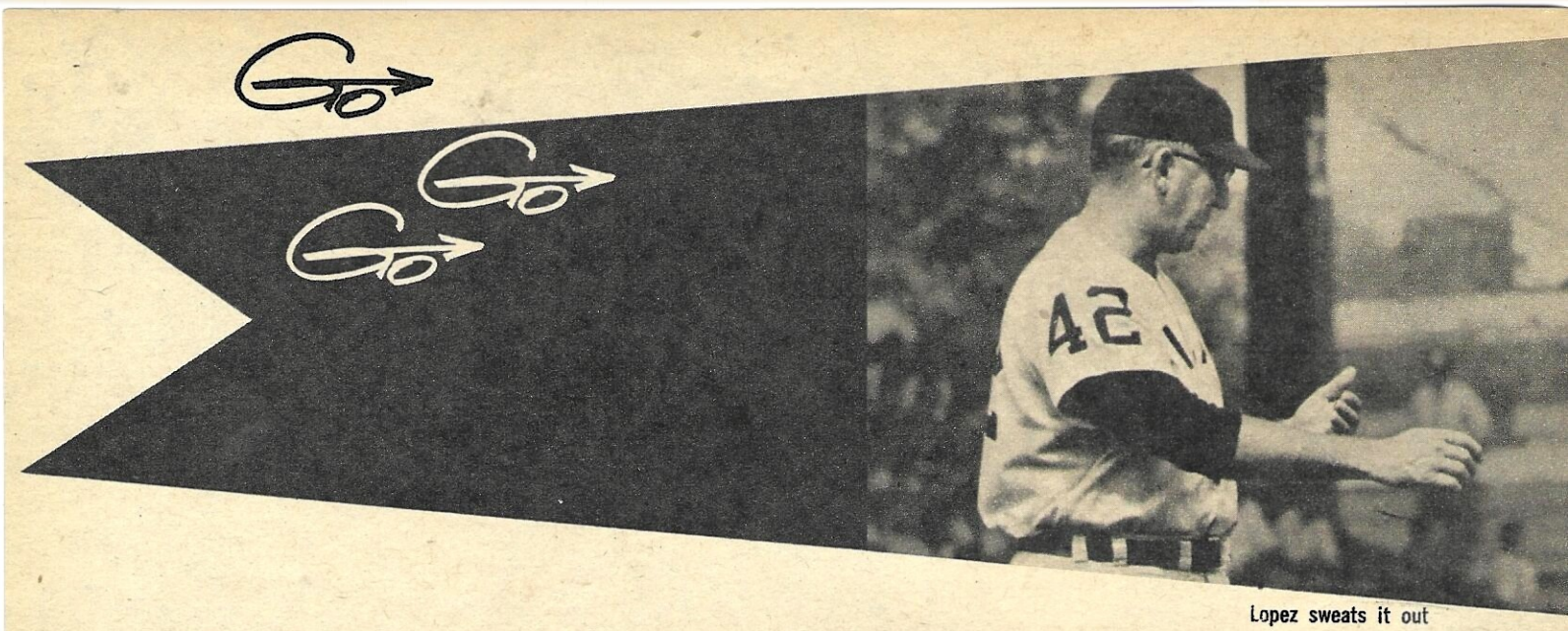

Lopez sweats it out

AFTER FORTY BLACK YEARS— THE FLAG!

top spot by winning 20 of their 27 engagements during the month of July. Still, they had difficulty shaking off the Tribe, and by winning eight straight, the Indians had closed the gap to a game and a half when the Sox arrived in Cleveland for a weekend series August 28.

Shaw, Donovan, Wynn and Latman hurled the Sox to a four-game sweep, boosted the margin to five and a half, and thereafter it was just a matter of time, although the days dragged a bit and Chicagoans had to wait until almost midnight September 22 to set off the sirens in the Loop. After 40 years, a few days more or less were of small consequence.

The 54,293 spectators in the spacious Cleveland Stadium on the night of September 22 alternately howled and bit their fingernails. Their Indians had refused to resign from the American League pennant race; the White Sox had staggered just enough (seven defeats in eleven games) to give the Tribe's home folk visions of a miracle.

Now it was the ninth inning, the bases were loaded with Indians, only one man was out, and Gerry Staley relieved Bob Shaw, who had replaced Early Wynn in the sixth inning. Staley delivered one pitch to the batter, Vic Power, who hit the ball sharply through the middle of the diamond. Luis Aparicio moved swiftly to his left, scooped up the ball, stepped on second, fired to first for the double play that protected the 4-2 margin, and a 40-year championship famine had ended for Chicago's American League entry.

Except for a few small details, the clincher followed the pattern that marked the White Sox' surprising surge to the flag. Al Lopez, manipulating his mound corps cleverly, beckoned to Shaw at the right moment and had Staley available for the finishing touch. If it wasn't the veteran Staley choking off a late uprising, it was the equally experienced Turk Lown. Staley appeared in 67 games, Lown in 60, and between them they won 17 games and saved at least 25 more.

If it wasn't Aparicio who made the key play in the field, it was his second base sidekick, Nellie Fox, or it was Jim Landis, roaming around center field. And to complete the "down the middle" backbone of any successful ball club, there were the pitchers, Wynn (22-10), Shaw (18-6), and the catcher, Sherman Lollar.

One of the exceptions that marked the rule in the clincher was the margin—two runs. Normal procedure for the White Sox was to make it even more breathlessly close. They won 34 games by one run and lost only 15 by the same slim edge. Likewise in that vital Cleveland contest, Al Smith and Jungle Jim Rivera thumped successive home runs in the sixth inning, again a departure from custom.

During the season, the Sox accumulated 97 homers, the only club in the league with less than 100. They finished sixth in club batting (.250) and sixth in total runs, averaging 4.29 tallies per game.

Hence it wasn't the big wallop, but the go-go-go, that carried them home, the speed on the bases as exemplified by Aparicio's 56 stolen bases. And no other club had a better defense. They were No. 1

"I came here to win the pennant. But we still need power and I don't think we can take the Yankees"
—BILL VEECK, APRIL 1959

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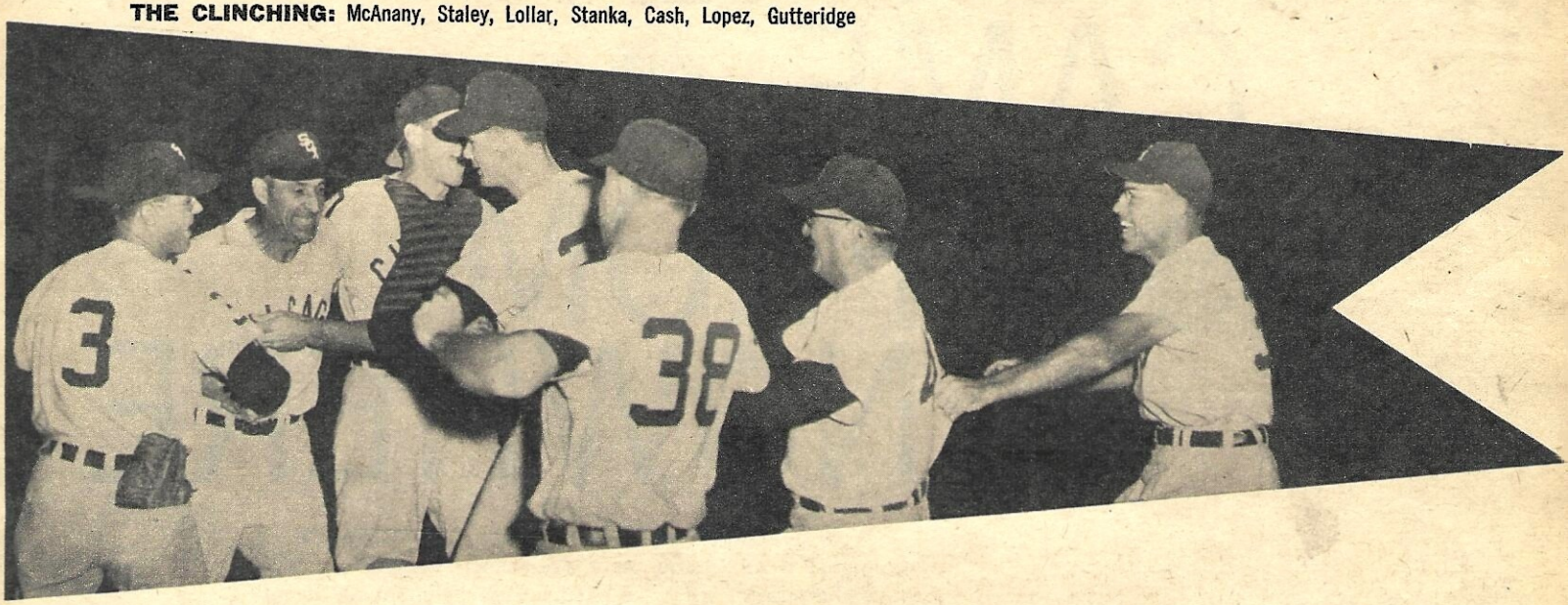

in the league in fielding and their pitchers collectively had the lowest earned run average in the circuit, 3.29.

Their second base combination did a fabulous job. Fox has sure hands, is deadly on pop flies and is a fiery competitor. Aparicio can make every play, ranging behind second base, deep into the hole on his right, and coming in to take slow-hit balls with his bare hand. At least twice during the season, Landis reached over the bull pen canvas in Comiskey Park to save games by catching "home run balls."

The overall won-lost records of the pitchers were not impressive. Billy Pierce had 14-15, Dick Donovan 9-10, Barry Latman 8-5. After Wynn and Shaw, the relievers were the best, and both—Staley, 39, and Lown, 35—are National League discards.

In contrast to the old-fashioned baseball played by the Sox, nothing could be more modern than the modus operandi of Bill Veeck, who became president of the club a year ago. The flamboyant Veeck, always attired in a sport shirt, put on a perpetual show for the Comiskey Park patrons. He gave away smoked grasshoppers and eels, and 1,000 cans of beer at a clip. He set off fireworks and paraded an entire circus onto the field.

When the last elephant had stomped on the outfield grass and the final sparkler had been snuffed out, the White Sox took the field and began playing baseball as it was played by men who wore handlebar moustaches. Veeck, always ready to trade, arrived too late to make radical changes in the cast for the 1959 season, and when it was all over, he conceded that a pennant was far more than he anticipated.

"This may have revolutionized the entire concept of baseball," Sportshirt Bill declared. "They compare this club to the Hitless Wonders, who won a pennant in 1906 with a team average of .228. Everyone hit singles in those days. This is an era of the home run, and we won without it. We had a club of runless wonders."

As the Sox performed their wondrous feats in the field day after day, the club's trainer, Eddie Froelich, directed a battle cry from the dugout to his own pitchers, "Let 'em hit the ball! Our gloves will come up out of the ground."

It might be added that the White Sox also had the right kind of a manager. The affable Señor Lopez, second so often during his career as a manager, reached the top because he made the most of what he had.

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Vic Power

THEY CAME FROM NOWHERE

Woody Held

George Strickland

Billy Martin

The Cleveland Indians' infield was 3/4 Kansas City, 1957 vintage, 1/4 de-retired. Led by a good Joe (a nice guy who has never finished last), they made it a real fight all the way.

"We'll be dangerous," predicted the Tribe's general manager, Frank Lane, in a pre-season appraisal. "We have the power; what we need is improvement at second base and a comeback by Herb Score."

"We can win it," insisted dugout boss Joe Gordon as the season got under way.

Critical bystanders shook their heads sadly. "This is a team that Lane got from nowhere," they said. "Look how desperate he is. He had to lure George Strickland out of retirement for his infield. The rest of it is the Kansas City infield of 1957. Power at first, Martin at second, Held at shortstop."

But startled American Leaguers were forced to respect this team that came from nowhere as they streaked to the front at the opening bell, faltered a bit, then continued to battle the White Sox almost down to the wire to finish second. This was higher than most had rated them.

That infield became solid. Woody Held developed into a fine shortstop, hit 29 home runs. Strickland held up admirably at third base. Billy Martin, slated for second base, was injured, but was ably replaced by Jim Baxes, salvaged by Lane after he refused to report to Spokane, a Dodger farm team. Vic Power was an American League All-Star at first base.

In addition, help came from some unexpected sources. Tito Francona, obtained in exchange for Larry Doby during spring training, became a great clutch *(continued)*

In a deep crouch, Vic Power is set to supply same.

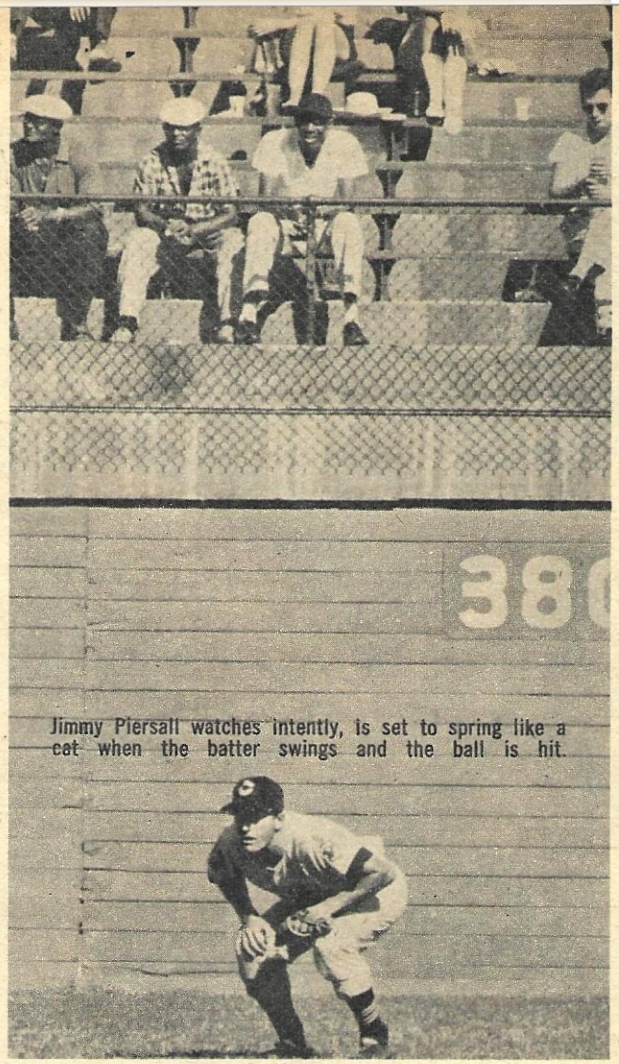
hitter, played the outfield and first base. Jim Perry, a young pitcher who wasn't even on the Tribe roster in April, saved 10 games as a reliever up to July, won 12 as a starter after that.

Herb Score started off well, finished badly, but the veteran Cal McLish was good from start to finish with a total of 19 victories.

As anticipated, the Indians had the power. They led the league in club batting. They scored the most runs. Paced by Rocky Colavito's 42 blows, they were at the top in homers. In addition to McLish and Perry, they enjoyed the benefits of fairly good pitching from Gary Bell and Mudcat Jim Grant, unveiled a promising young hurler, Bobby Locke, and received late season assistance from Jack Harshman.

What the Indians lacked was the ability to win from the White Sox, the team they *had* to beat. They split their season's series with the Yankees, won from the five other clubs, but dropped 15 out of 22 to the pennant-bound Chicagoans. Every time the Indians stuck their heads above the parapet, the White Sox took dead aim and toppled them right down again.

They lost eight of their first twelve engagements with the Chicago entry. Still,



Jimmy Piersall watches intently, is set to spring like a cat when the batter swings and the ball is hit.

Most Voluble Player of the year:

Tito Francona, here trying to pick off Boston's Jensen, was a sensational hitter, played outfield and first base.

If Frank Lane had hired Leo Durocher instead of Joe Gordon, just who would have outlipped whom?

Gordon marshaled his forces and they were two games in front on July 4. The two front runners were off by themselves after two-thirds of the campaign, but after the White Sox took possession of the lead, they seldom enjoyed a wide gap over the Tribe.

After faltering a bit early in August, Cleveland won eight in a row, narrowed the margin to a game and a half, then ran smack into the White Sox for a four-game series at the end of the month. The Sox swept it and were in front by five and a half. They were one length closer on Labor Day and Gordon hauled out charts to show his athletes that the 1948 Cleveland team, of which he was a member, had trailed by four and a half on the same holiday, then finished in a tie with Boston and won the playoff.

This time the White Sox didn't slip enough, and the rebound of the Indians wasn't quite high enough. So, at the season's end it was the manager's rebound that had everyone talking.

Joe Gordon strolled from the dugout to home plate with the lineup cards for the umpires prior to the Indians-White Sox game the night of September 22, and 54,293 persons in the Cleveland Stadium rose to give the Tribe's manager an ovation.

To them, the ovation was in the nature of a parting salute. They were well aware that Gordon was through the instant the Indians were eliminated from the pennant race, and it happened that night as the White Sox applied the clincher with a 4-2 decision. Frank Lane, the often incomprehensible but always voluble general manager, went into the clubhouse after the game and announced that Gordon's replacement for the brief remainder of the season would be Mel Harder, one of the coaches.

Less than 24 hours later, Lane made one of baseball's most remarkable flipflops by rehiring Gordon for a two-year period.

That followed a stretch of two weeks during which: Lane was highly critical of Gordon; the manager expressed resentment of second guesses by the office boss; Lane said he had four candidates for the job; Gordon declared he couldn't remain in the post under such circumstances.

"I have to manage my own way," retorted Gordon. "I can't be a stooge. And I don't think a general manager should second-guess a manager in public."

Frantic Frankie proceeded to search for a new manager, and his hunt carried him to Pittsburgh where Leo Durocher happened to be serving as commentator for a televised ball game. Leo was about to end his broadcasting connections and he was "available."

But somewhere along the line there was a sharp change in signals, and as peace settled over the Wigwam, the Tribe's directors were able to calculate the cost of the battle. There *was* no cost, it was largely profit. The exciting Indians had played to almost 1,500,000 patrons at home, more than twice the previous year's total.

"Do all those fans come out to see Lane?" asked Casey Stengel, one of Lane's favorite verbal sparring partners.

Perhaps not, but they evidently came out to see the team he assembled since he took over in November, 1957. Only seven players were left on the roster he inherited: McLish, Colavito, Score, Garcia, Nixon, Brown and Strickland. The trades Lane made moved the club from sixth to fourth to second.

Gordon replaced Bobby Bragan in midseason of 1958, made a respectable first division finish, then took what many regarded as a hodgepodge outfit and made a strong run for the flag in 1959. Lane and Gordon have done a highly creditable job, and it may be that the one trade Lane *didn't* make—a new manager for Gordon—ultimately may carry the Tribe to the top.

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Frank Lane

One wit said that what Joe Gordon (left) and Frank Lane needed most of all was a marriage counselor.

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—Casey Stengel,
New York Yankees

Thoroughly dejected, Bob Turley walks slowly toward the shower after getting yanked by a puzzled Casey Stengel, as catcher Yogi Berra watches. Turley, the Yankees' stopper in 1958, won only eight in 1959.

3 great year"

DURING THE LATTER STAGES of a season heavy with trouble, Casey Stengel, Yankee manager, made the observation, "The bat boy had a great year!" The Perfessor didn't have to go beyond that. The implication was clear, spread across the statistical sheets in rows of figures that old Yankee fans still find difficult to believe, months after the 1959 campaign ended. "What happened," they ask, "To Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Gil McDougald, Tony Kubek, Bob Turley, Whitey Ford, Don Larsen . . . ?" The list is long and the exceptions are virtually non-existent. A lone citation for merit can be awarded Bobby Richardson, who fielded spectacularly at second base and led the club in batting with a .301 average, an improvement of more than 50 points. But Richardson is a singles hitter and since the era of Babe Ruth the Yankees have been symbolic of power. In recent years, Mantle has led the league in batting, homers, RBIs and slugging. This time he led in nothing; his RBI total (75) and his average (.285) were the lowest since he became a regular in 1952. Ordinarily, when one member of the cast stumbles, someone else comes along with the necessary lift. Stengel looked for a spearhead and found only spear carriers. Berra's run production dipped to a 12-year-low. Bill Skowron, a vital part of the attack, was

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what happened to Mantle, .285 McDougald, .251 Turley 8-11 & Co. ?

out with an injury for the last two months. McDougald and Hank Bauer faded; Kubek and Norm Siebern no longer were the golden boys of their rookie seasons; and Hector Lopez, plucked from Kansas City, often went "3 for 5" at the plate and "2 for 5" in the field. The pitching staff followed the same script.

Bob Turley, 21-game winner and hero of the World Series the previous year, posted eight victories, was beaten 11 times. Whitey Ford won 16, but he lost 10, more than ever before, and had to be used sparingly at times because of a sore arm. Don Larsen had a 6-7 mark. In 1958, that trio produced a record of 44-20. In 1959, it was transformed into a mediocre 30-28.

Art Ditmar was the only solid man with a 13-9 record and a 2.90 ERA. Duke Maas did better than expected, 14-8; Bobby Shantz recovered from a sore arm to win seven and lose three, then developed wing trouble again. Ryne Duren, the spectacular reliever, was subpar with 3-6, and as a final blow, fell on the dugout steps during the last week of the season and fractured his valuable right wrist.

Around the American League, the solid phalanx of Yankee haters gazed at the standings, couldn't believe what was happening and waited for the explosion. On May 20, the ex-Bombers absorbed a 13-6 shellacking from Detroit and dropped into the cellar, the most shocking fall since Humpty-Dumpty. Some 10 days later they gained a 3-0 decision over Washington, climbed out of last place and the cry went up, "Here they come!"

They reached the first division June 9, trailing the leaders by two and a half games, and when they reduced the margin to a length and a half June 20, the hopeful horde outside of New York sighed, "It's all over." Actually, it was all over for the Yankees less than a month later. They went into Boston for a five-game series immediately after the All-Star game, the Red Sox swept the set, something that hadn't happened for 20 years, and the Yankees fell seven and a half behind and never recovered.

As the campaign closed, the Yankee management reaffirmed its faith in Stengel by announcing that the 69-year-old pilot would return for the 1960 season. In finishing third with 79 victories, the club showed a decline of 15 games and it was the only bad year in Stengel's 11 as boss in the Bronx. He had won nine pennants, seven World Series, and in the previous failure, in 1954, the Yankees rolled up 103 victories and lost only because Cleveland accumulated a record 111 triumphs.

Normal procedure is to place most of the blame at the manager's door, but there was a disinclination to point the finger at Casey. "How did you become so dumb this year?" asked Paul Richards, the Baltimore manager, of his New York rival, as he and the rest of the experts tried to analyze the startling collapse of the perennial champions that delighted the rest of the league.

There were various explanations . . . Some players wore out . . . Some didn't live up to expectations . . . The Yankees were overrated . . . Chicago and Cleveland were underrated . . . The farm system had dried up . . . The

trouble actually started in 1958, when the Yankees were 17 games in front . . . In their last 55 contests, they played under .500, and they were lulled into a false sense of security when they recovered in time to win the World Series from the Braves.

Returning from the 1959 Series, and unimpressed by the White Sox, the New York general manager, George Weiss, said, "It won't take much to refurbish our team. Injuries hurt us as much as a decline in talent."

The tailspin actually brought more customers into the Yankee Stadium, the home attendance, 1,552,030, representing an increase of 123,592. "That doesn't mean anything to us," insisted Weiss. "A New York team must win if it hopes to continue to be a prime attraction."

What the Yankees have to do is determine what they require to bounce back. At least two key men, Mantle and Bob Turley, are puzzling. As Stengel points out, Mantle, at 28, can do anything. He has power, speed and a strong arm. "But when he's not hitting he's just a fast guy going to first base." Turley has been erratic throughout his career. He had trouble with his control and they say he has lost something from his fast ball. He conceivably could come up with another good season.

Bobby Richardson (l.), here being blocked at home by Tiger catcher Lou Berberet, was one bright spot for Yanks.

Where he used to have platoons, Stengel now has problems. Is Lopez going to be his left fielder? Is Siebern an outfielder or a lefthanded substitute for Skowron? Is Kubek a shortstop, or will Cletis Boyer fill that post, leaving Kubek for third base or the outfield? How about McDougald and is John Blanchard to be the third string catcher behind Berra and Elston Howard, or will the promising youngster be turned into an outfielder?

Last year, the Yankee pinch hitters failed to deliver and there was no stopper on the pitching staff. The talent brought from the minor leagues leans heavily toward the mound, with Billy Short, a lefthander from Richmond, and Johnny James, a reliever from the same club as the outstanding prospects. Deron Johnson, slugging outfielder has been called up, also Frank Leja, first baseman who was a bonus boy five years ago.

"The Yankees won't be back for a long time," insist their opponents. "The dynasty is crumbling."

"That's just wishful thinking," retort the Yankees. But the proud Yankees, for the first time in years, knew they had to get into the off-season trading market if they wish to solve some of their problems and battle their way back.

Another question that has come up is the matter of Casey Stengel. There are many who feel that this is to be Stengel's last year with the Yankees, win or lose. They point to the fact that Ralph Houk, a coach who was reportedly offered the managing job at Kansas City, turned it down to stay in the Yankee family. They also feel that the hiring of Eddie Lopat as new pitching coach to replace the deposed Jim Turner indicates that the Yankees will choose the new man from among their present coaches. Crosetti, Houk, Bill Dickey and Lopat offer some pretty good possibilities. After all, Casey does have that banking business to look after and the garrulous one isn't getting any younger. After last season, could you blame him?

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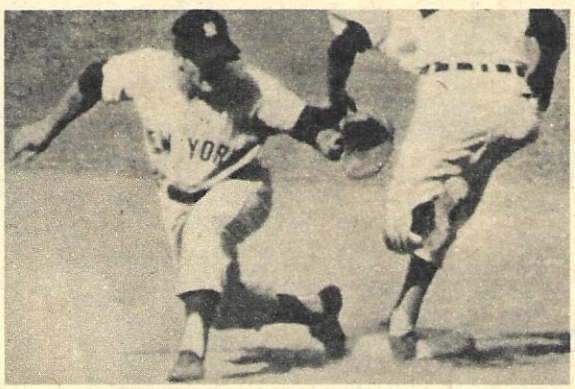
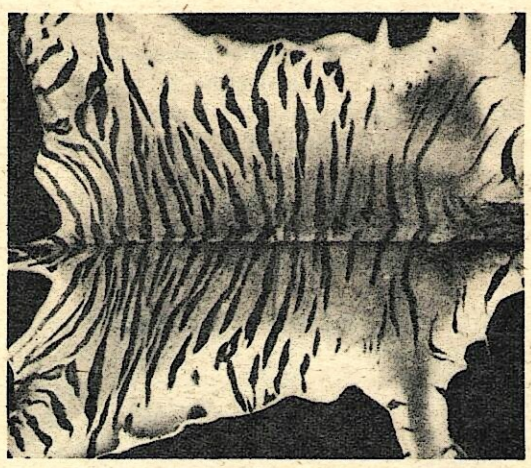


←Bill Skowron dislocated his wrist on this play, going for a throw as Tigers' Coot Veal scrambled for first. The loss of Skowron hurt the Yanks.



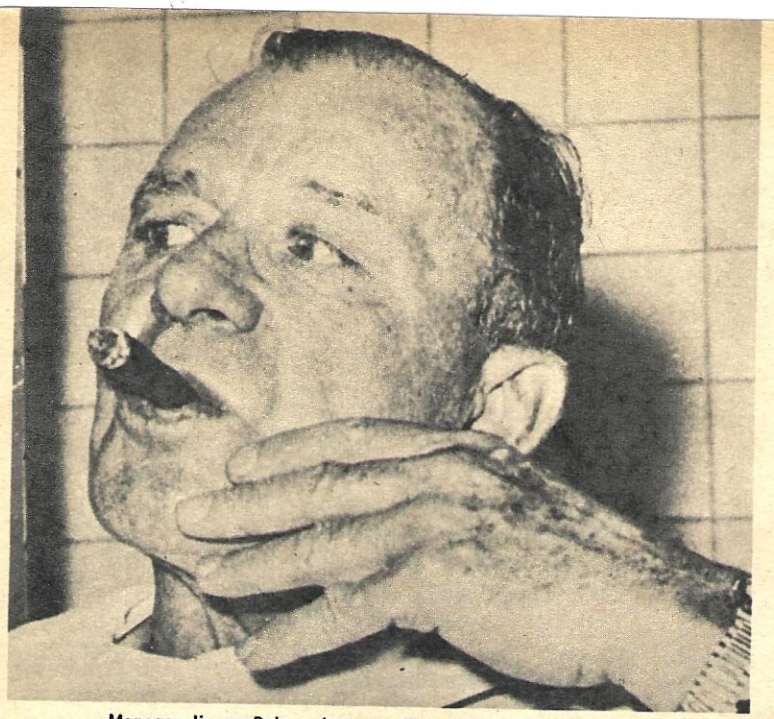
THE CASE OF THE SKINNED TIGER

For a period of a few weeks in June, 1959, the Detroit ball club, with the veteran Jimmy Dykes at the controls, appeared to be in the process of producing the great story of the year. Dykes had supplanted Bill Norman as manager after the team had suffered through the worst possible start —two victories in the first 17 games. For more than a month Dykes held a hot hand, and the Bengals soared from a point deep in the cellar to within a half game of the lead. They played it cool thereafter and settled into fourth place.

That's the continuing tale of the Tigers, and it's a mystery of the first order. Managers come and go (Dykes became the sixth in a brief span of eight seasons), and each in turn has found his dugout sprinkled with a passel of stars. But to their eternal annoyance, the pennants invariably flutter in other ball parks.

Last season the Tigers had the two top hitters in the American League, Harvey Kuenn (.353) and Al Kaline (.327). Kuenn also led the A.L. in base hits (198) and doubles (42). They had Charley

League's leading hitter Harvey Kuenn lays one down as teammate Al Kaline watches from the on-deck circle.



Manager Jimmy Dykes chews a cigar, ponders the Tigers' fate.

THE DETROIT TIGERS are the mystery team of the American League. They have the hitting and the pitching but they just don't go anywhere. What are the chances of someone solving the case?

Maxwell, who thumped 31 homers, more than any Tiger slugger since Hank Greenberg in 1946. They had Eddie Yost, who topped the circuit in runs and bases on balls, and suddenly became a slugger, with a personal high of 21 homers. As a clouting crew, the Tigers hammered 160 over the fences, 10 more than the previous Detroit record.

In the pitching department, they had three 17-game winners, Don Mossi, Frank Lary and Jim Bunning. The last named paced the loop in strikeouts by a wide margin, while Mossi and Lary showed remarkable mastery over the fading champion Yankees. Oddly enough, the New Yorkers and their "poor relations" in Kansas City were the only two teams the Tigers were able to defeat in the season's play, thereby compounding the mystery.

A glance at the standings would indicate that the Bengals improved last year. They escaped the second division for the second time in nine years. However, their won-lost record, 76-78, actually wasn't as good, by one game, as their 1958 mark when they finished fifth, 15 games behind the winning Yankees. This time they (*continued*)

Broken cheekbone put Kaline out of commission.

THE CASE OF THE SKINNED TIGER

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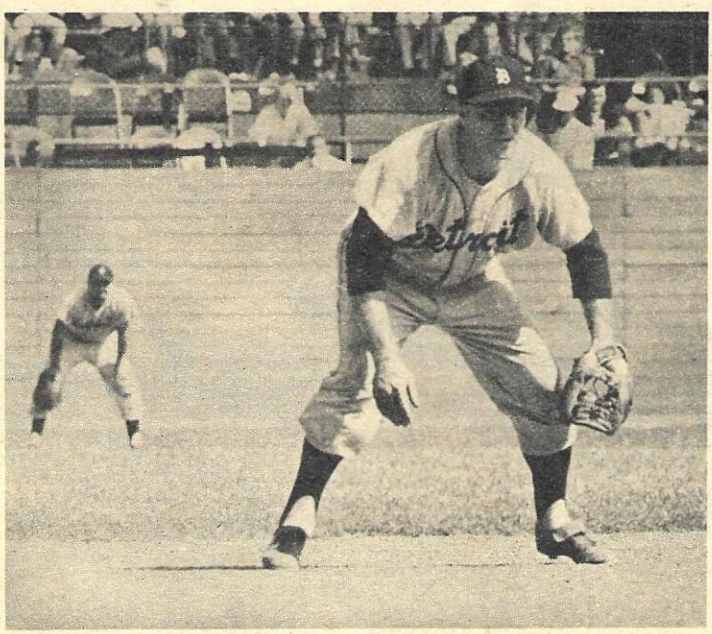
were 18 astern of the White Sox.

They must be given credit for a remarkable early-season recovery. Bill Norman had succeeded Jack Tighe on June 10, 1958, and made a respectable finish. Norman failed to celebrate his first anniversary, for he departed May 3, and when the jovial, cigar-smoking, 63-year-old Dykes took over, the Detroit situation seemed to be hopeless. Almost overnight, the club surged into contention, as it won 32 games and lost 14. The Tigers were breathing hard on the necks of the leaders and they had only to maintain a reasonable facsimile of that pace to make a strong run for the flag.

But they sagged just as swiftly, dropped into sixth place by mid-July, and sparred with the Red Sox and Orioles for a first division berth for the rest of the season. Ultimately they squeaked into fourth place. The collapse was attributed to an assortment of reasons, among them injuries to Kaline, Kuenn, Frank Bolling, Rocky Bridges and a reserve infielder, Ted Lepcio. Kaline's cheekbone was fractured by a pitch June 18, he missed 14 games during two trips to the hospital, and the Tigers won only five of those contests.

"They left 1,160 men on the bases," point out some analysts. "They should trade for someone who will drive in the runners that get on base."



Eddie Yost, obtained in a trade with Washington showed unexpected power, helped solidify the infield. The "Walking Man" topped the league in walks.

"Yes, but they can't afford to give up the men who reached the baselines in the first place," counter other experts.

Those are problems that will have to be resolved by Dykes and William O. DeWitt, who became president of the club last October. Between them they have had more than 80 years' experience in major league baseball. DeWitt started as an office boy for Branch Rickey 40 years ago, and Dykes, after a long playing career, has been managing on and off for two decades.

They should know what they want, and to bystanders, what they need are a shortstop, a first baseman, some relief pitching and a catcher with more impressive batting statistics than those owned by Red Wilson and Lou Berberet. Gail Harris, the first baseman, hit 20 homers in 1958, was sidetracked for Larry Osborne last spring, but neither delivered. Rocky Bridges, who accompanied Yost from Washington, is a journeyman shortstop, and the Tigers have had trouble at that position for several years. In general, they require reserve talent, for their pinch hitters in 1959 compiled a .165 mark.

A pair of disastrous decisions were made last spring. Tito Francona was traded for Larry Doby, and Francona's booming bat almost lifted Cleveland into the pennant. Maury Wills, on trial from the Dodger farm system with a $35,000 price tag, was turned back. His shortstopping contributed heavily to the Los Angeles triumph.

Perhaps DeWitt can avoid such mistakes. Bill Veeck, who was associated with him in the operation of the St. Louis Browns, once said, "DeWitt is the smartest baseball man in the big leagues." He now has a chance to prove that and help solve the case of the perennially skinned Tiger.

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EVERYONE AT FAULT

NO ONE TO BLAME

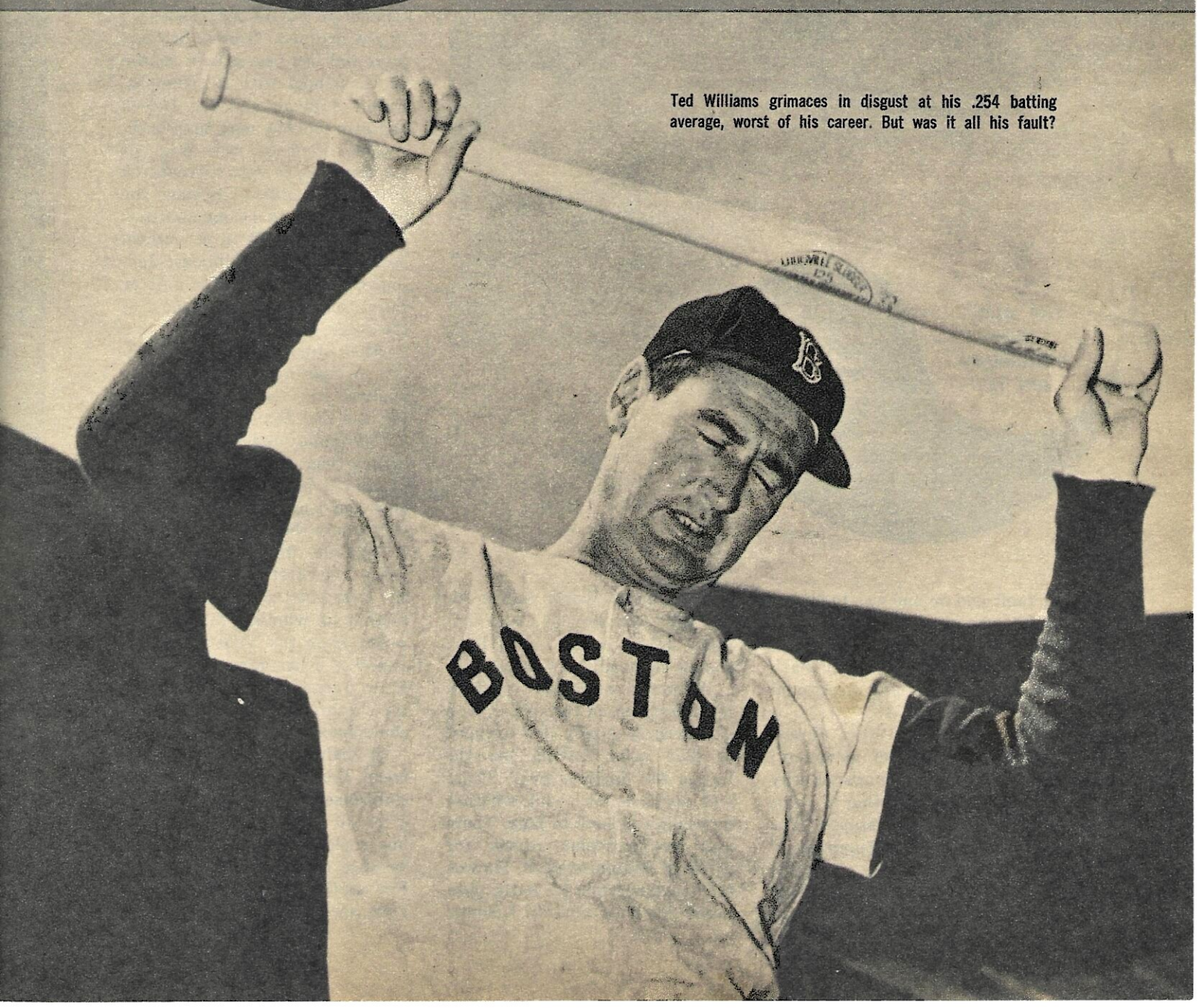
BOSTON RED SOX

"The club expected more than I could produce. But I was hurt, and I was ill, and I'm sorry I couldn't help much," ruefully observed Ted Williams as the 1959 season ended with the Red Sox in fifth place.

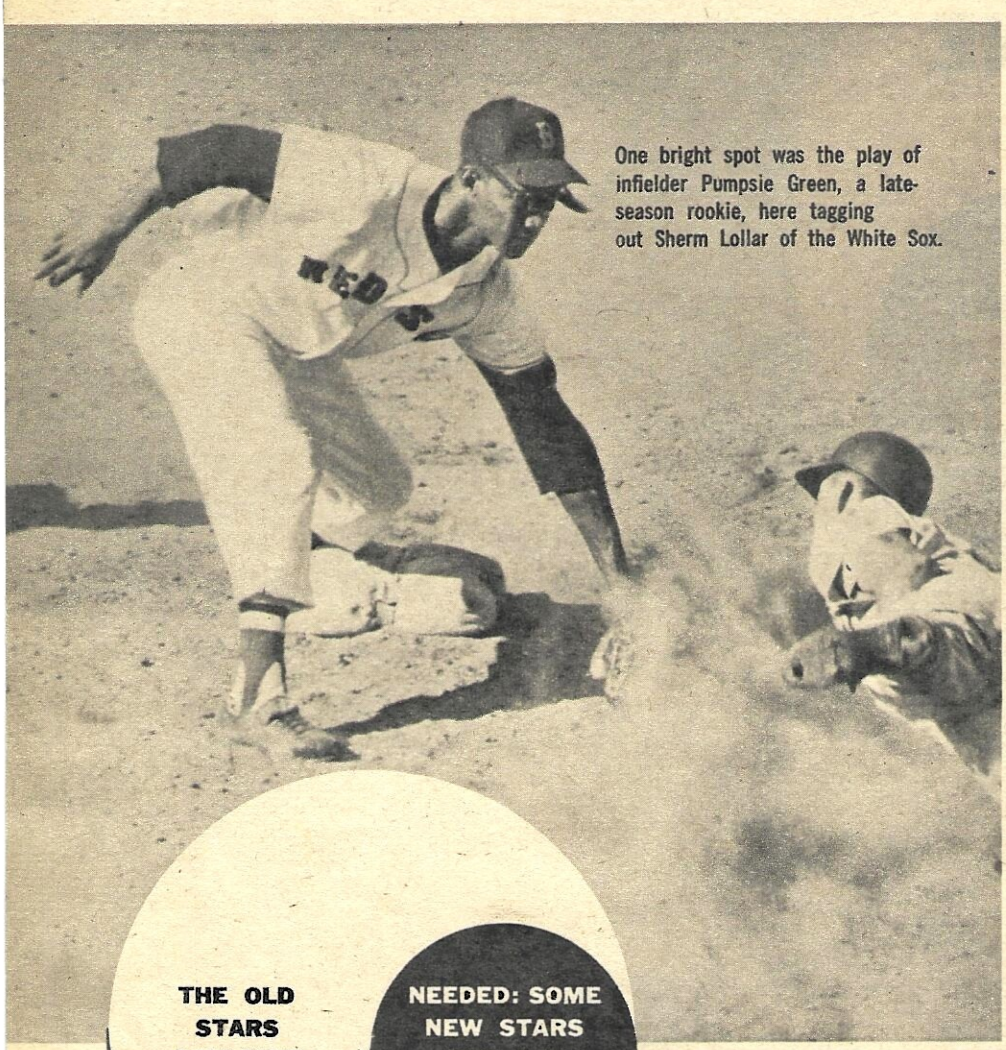
"I should have been of more value, then we wouldn't have finished in the second division," declared Jackie Jensen, the American League's most valuable player of 1958.

"It wasn't Mike's fault," said Owner Tom Yawkey, as he released Manager Mike Higgins and replaced him with Billy Jurges on July 3.

In a sense, everyone was (*continued*)



Ted Williams grimaces in disgust at his .254 batting average, worst of his career. But was it all his fault?



One bright spot was the play of infielder Pumpsie Green, a late-season rookie, here tagging out Sherm Lollar of the White Sox.

THE OLD STARS COULDN'T WIN IT

NEEDED: SOME NEW STARS FOR THE FADED SOX

at fault and no one was to blame, for it was an aimless season for the Red Sox, and looking ahead through 1960, the Fenway Park fans can see very few directional signs.

"If we get some help, Jurges will be a real good manager," says the general manager, Bucky Harris, while neglecting to point to a source of assistance. The Red Sox have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on bonus players in recent years; their Minneapolis farm club has been in the Junior World Series for the last two seasons; but top-flight talent continues to be a sparse commodity in Back Bay.

Williams, suffering through his worst season physically, was employed sparingly and dropped to .254 after having led the league the previous year. There was some doubt about whether he would continue to play. There was no particular reason for Jensen's feeling of guilt. He was the league leader in RBIs, also paced his own club in homers, stolen bases and runs scored. Like Williams, the baseball profession seemed to have lost some of its allure for him and he talked about retirement.

Some of the bonus boys have been snipped from the roster. Dave Sisler was traded to Detroit early in the season, and another pitcher, Frank Baumann, went to the White Sox during the winter in exchange for Ron Jackson, a first baseman. Jurges plans to rebuild his pitching staff around Jerry Casale, Tom Brewer and Bill Monbouquette. Casale was the top winner in his rookie season with a record of 13-8. Monbouquette won seven as a sophomore but is regarded as a bright prospect. Brewer has had good and bad years. Last season he was subpar with 10 triumphs. Frank Sullivan and Ike Delock had arm trouble, may snap back.

Gene Stephens, who was out for two months with a fractured wrist, is considered to have the best potential as a cleanup hitter. He has played all three outfield positions, and if Williams, Jensen or Vic Wertz either quit or falter, he could take up some of the slack.

When Jurges left his Washington coaching job for his inaugural big league managerial try, the Red Sox were in the cellar, 12 games under .500. Jurges hauled them to within one game of fourth place, and they were only four lengths out of the third slot, where they finished in 1958. It was the first time in seven years the first division eluded the Sox, but they had the satisfaction of winning the season's series from the Yankees, and a sweep of a five-game set a week after Jurges was installed was the shock from which the fading champions never recovered.

In their efforts to change the trend, the Red Sox released their clubhouse man, Johnny Orlando, after 30 years of service. Alas, his replacement isn't likely to produce a single RBI.

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BALTIMORE ORIOLES

PITCHING REPORT

FOR FIELDING, BATTING, TURN THE PAGE

Hoyt Wilhelm serves up his flutterball. Take a close look at his hand.

PITCHING MARK FOR 1959 SEASON

A+

WILHELM: 15 wins, 2.19 ERA

WALKER: 11 wins, 2.92 ERA

O'DELL: 10 wins, 2.94 ERA

PAPPAS: 15 wins, 3.27 ERA

BROWN: 11 wins, 3.79 ERA

TEAM ERA: 3.56 - 2nd best in league!

Baltimore can have only one serious complaint about how its Orioles fared in the American League during the 1959 season. There aren't enough first division clubs in the circuit. The front runners were slapped down repeatedly by the pesky Birds. But alas, fellow travelers in the league's lower echelon simply reached over and plucked their feathers. (*continued*)

FIELDING REPORT

FIELDING MARK FOR 1959 SEASON

bad!

BOYD: Most errors, first baseman: 15

GARDNER: Most errors, second baseman: 18

TRIANDOS: Most passed balls: 28, errors: 13

TASBY: Most errors, outfielder: 11

TEAM AVERAGE: .976

6th in the league!

Gus Triandos fights a Wilhelm delivery, loses the fluttering ball.

"We were as good as the White Sox," the Orioles' rabid patrons grumbled, and indeed they were—in hand-to-hand combat. They split the season's series, 11-11. No other club in the league did that well against the champions, and a half dozen of their games went into overtime, one an 18-inning draw. Furthermore, the Birds were ahead of the Yankees and Tigers on the season's play and dropped the verdict to the Indians by the narrow margin of 12-10.

Collectively, their efforts against the first division quartet were good for a .523 percentage. But they won only eight out of 22 from the Red Sox, suffered an identical lack of success against the Athletics, and with their 12 triumphs over the Senators, mustered a mere .424 mark against the also-rans.

Being a practical man, Richards is inclined to hunt for a few young men who can swing bats with authority. The Orioles had to be content with their third sixth-place finish in a four-year period because they had no punch to go with some fine pitching performances. They were second to the White Sox in club pitching, seventh in team batting and last in the place where it counts—scoring.

Hoyt Wilhelm made a fabulous start. The 36-year-old knuckleball artist, once a great reliever for the Giants, reeled off nine straight victories, two of them shutouts over the fading champion Yankees.

When Wilhelm faltered, Milt Pappas, a strong, 20-year-old righthander, embarked upon a winning streak. In mid-August, he had a 13-5 record. Going into the same month, the veteran outfielder, Gene Woodling, was batting at a better than .340 pace. The Orioles were envisioning a 20-game season for Pappas, a batting crown for the ex-Yankee, Woodling, and a first division finish, perhaps third place, for the team.

BATTING REPORT

BATTING MARK FOR 1959 SEASON

worse

7th in the league!

	HR's	RBIs	AVE.
BOYD:	3	42	.265
TASBY:	13	48	.250
CARRASQUEL:	4	28	.223
GARDNER:	6	27	.217
TRIANDOS:	25	76	.216
TEAM:	109	506	.238

Leading Baltimore hitter was veteran Gene Woodling with an even .300.

For two-thirds of the season they were entrenched among the top four, but what started out as a leveling off process in late August became a September swoon.

Woodling's September slide dropped him to an even .300, top average on the team. Gus Triandos, the power man in the lineup, fell from 30 homers in 1958 to 25. A damaged hand kept him inactive periodically; he failed to hit one out after August 24 and his average was a weak .216. Bob Boyd, normally a .300 hitter, dipped to .265. Willie Tasby, the prize rookie outfielder, finished with a mediocre .250.

Wilhelm had the league's best ERA, .19. He and Pappas, with 15 victories apiece, equaled the all-time high for Baltimore hurlers. Jerry Walker and Skinny Brown were credited with 11 triumphs each, Billy O'Dell with 10, Jack Fisher had a 1-6 mark and Billy Loes, 4-7, mostly in relief.

Most of them had respectable earned run averages, indicating they had bad breaks as well as bad days, and the breaks were traceable to a loose defense. Aging infielders like Bobby Avila, Chico Carrasquel, Billy Klaus and Walt Dropo shuttled in and out of the lineup, and ground balls were too frequently out of reach. The catchers, Triandos and Joe Ginsberg, piled up a record number of passed balls.

The pitching is likely to improve, for Pappas, Walker and Fisher are a spectacular trio of 20-year-olds.

This spring, he's taking a good look at a pair of young second basemen, Jerry Adair and Marv Breeding, and at a shortstop, Ron Hansen. It may be they'll dislodge Billy Gardner and Klaus, principal operatives in the center of the diamond last season. But the major problem is still lack of punch.

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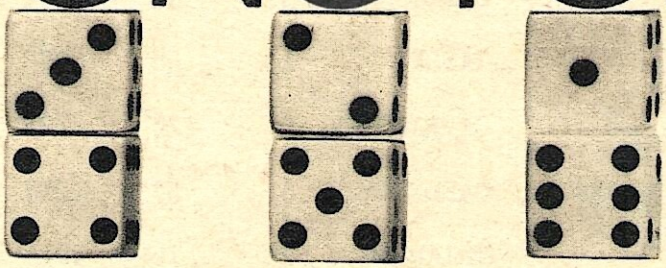
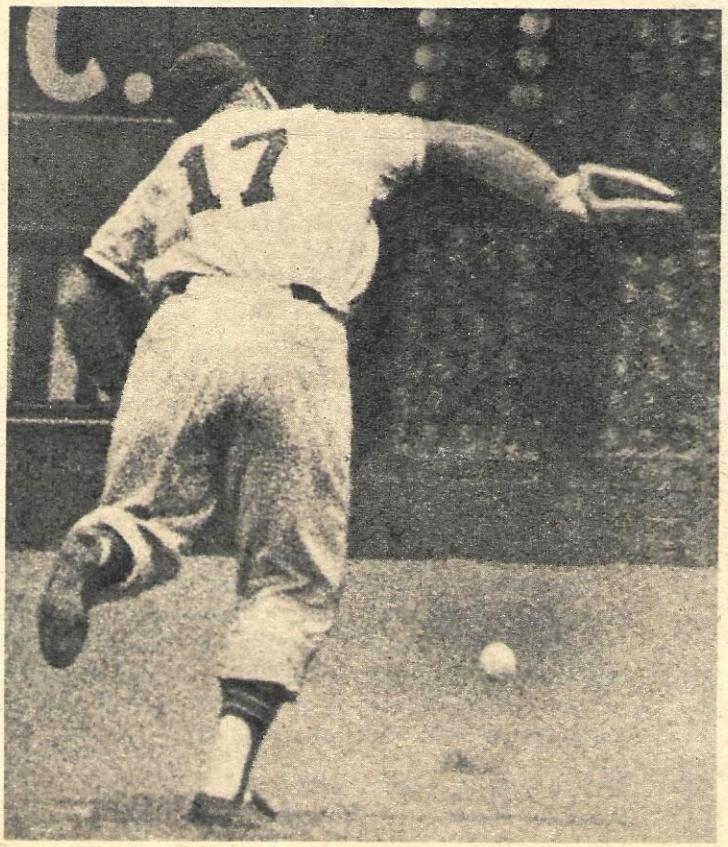
IT'S GETTING MONOTONOUS



THREE SEVENTH-PLACE FINISHES IN A ROW HAVE CONVINCED SOME KANSAS CITY FANS THAT THEIR CLUB WOULD BE BETTER OFF AT THE DICE TABLE THAN IT IS ON THE BASEBALL FIELD . . . . . .



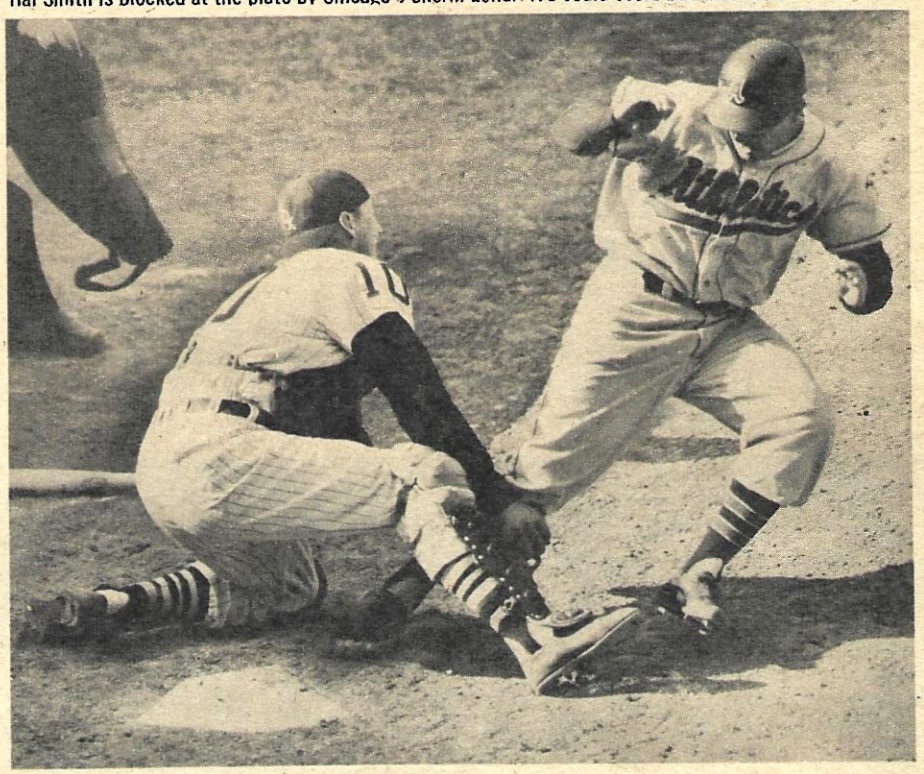
Zeke Bella, making an unsuccessful stab for a fly ball, was tried as an outfielder, but he only hit .207, hardly the kind of mark expected of him.

In 1957, the Athletics won 59 games. The next year they raised the total to 73. Last season they slipped back to 66. On all three occasions, the club wound up in seventh place, a situation which might easily convince the Kansas City clientele that their team can't get out of the second division, no matter what.

Furthermore, since the A's engage in such extensive trading with the Yankees, they might ask, "If the Yankees were as bad as they were in 1959, what can be expected of us?"

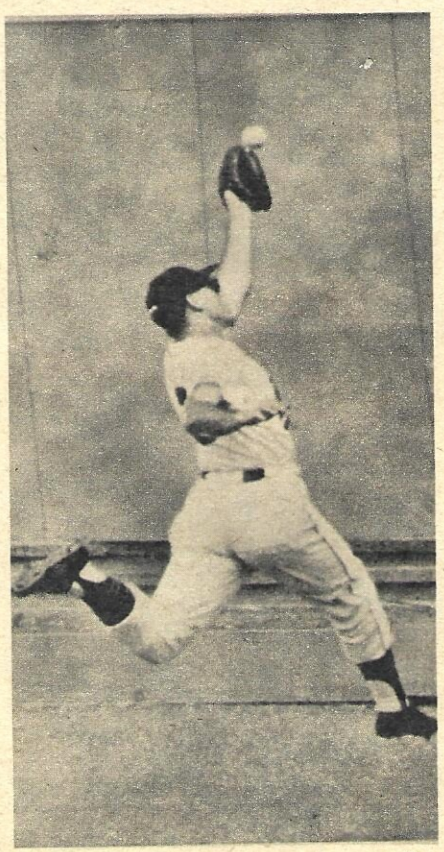
What Harry Craft anticipated simply didn't happen. The team had surpassed the manager's goal in the victory column in 1958, and he set his sights on a .500 percentage for 1959. Instead, the A's went into reverse, finished 22 games under .500, and whereas they were only six games out of third place the previous year, they were fully eight behind the sixth-place Baltimore club last fall. In the process, Craft was deposed as manager.

Hal Smith is blocked at the plate by Chicago's Sherm Lollar. A's could score but their defense was weak.



There appears to be no brighter side for the incoming field boss, Bob Elliott, unless Craft's troubles are charged off entirely to the Kansas City casualty list. Bob Cerv suffered from water on the knee and his home runs dropped from 38 to 20. Roger Maris was booming along at the top of the batting list when he was stricken with appendicitis. At various times there was physical damage to Joe DeMaestri, Ray Herbert, Frank House and Harry Chiti.

Maris' early surge indicated the outfielder may be a solid performer in the long run, and Bud Daley was one of the league's best pitchers with a 16-13 mark and an earned run average of 3.17. Bill Tuttle, a capable outfielder, bobbed up with a surprising .300 figure, and collectively, the Athletics swung their bats well enough to wind up in a virtual tie with Cleveland for the club batting leadership. But in two vital departments, pitching and fielding, they trailed the other seven clubs.



Bill Tuttle was a pleasant surprise, was the club's leading hitter with an even .300.

The lengthy hospital list included Craft, and events on the ball field took such a strange turn during his absence that his illness cost him his job. Under the direction of a coach, Bob Swift, the A's embarked upon an 11-game winning streak and bounced up into third place early in August as they reached the .500 level. After Craft's return, they went into reverse, and when they won only seven of their last 29 games, they were in serious danger of falling into the cellar.

"Craft was forced out by the fans," explained the club owner, Arnold Johnson, and the general manager, Parke Carroll. "Harry couldn't do anything about the injuries, failure of the relief pitching, and the lack of power, but public opinion built up against him when the club collapsed after enjoying a period of success while he was in the hospital."

The manager thought he had ample reserve talent when the season opened, but the rash of injuries brought most of the spares into the lineup, and one of them, Dick Williams, played often enough to finish among the club's leaders in homers and RBIs. The front office also tried a customary maneuver, a deal with the Yankees, which sent Hector Lopez and Ralph Terry to New York for two pitchers, Johnny Kucks and Tom Sturdivant, and an infielder, Jerry Lumpe. They failed to check the late season tailspin.

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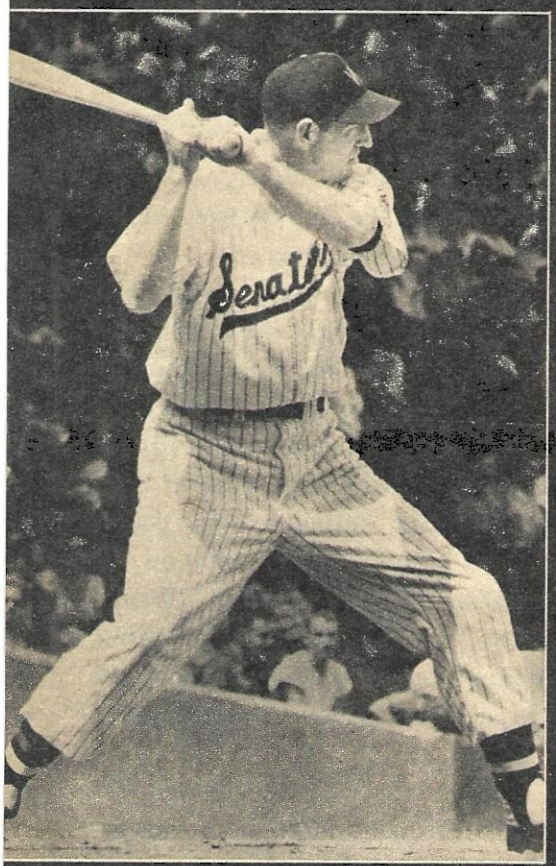
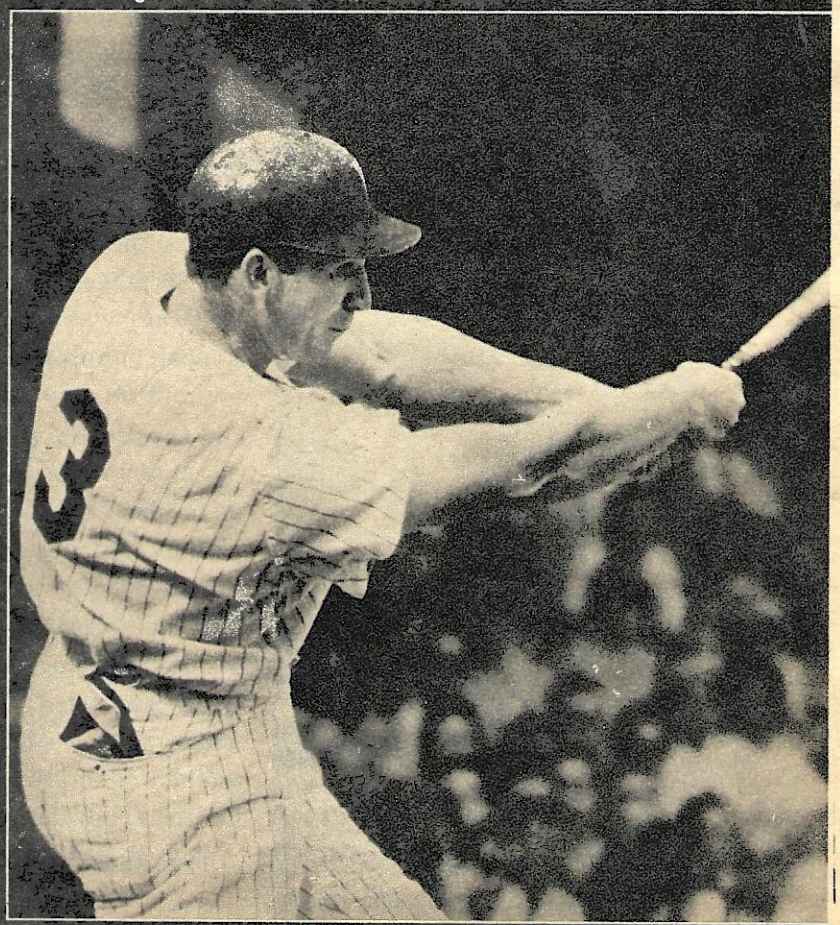
THE WASHINGTON SENATORS: THAT BODY IN THE CELLAR HAS BECOME THE . . .

LIVELIEST CORPSE



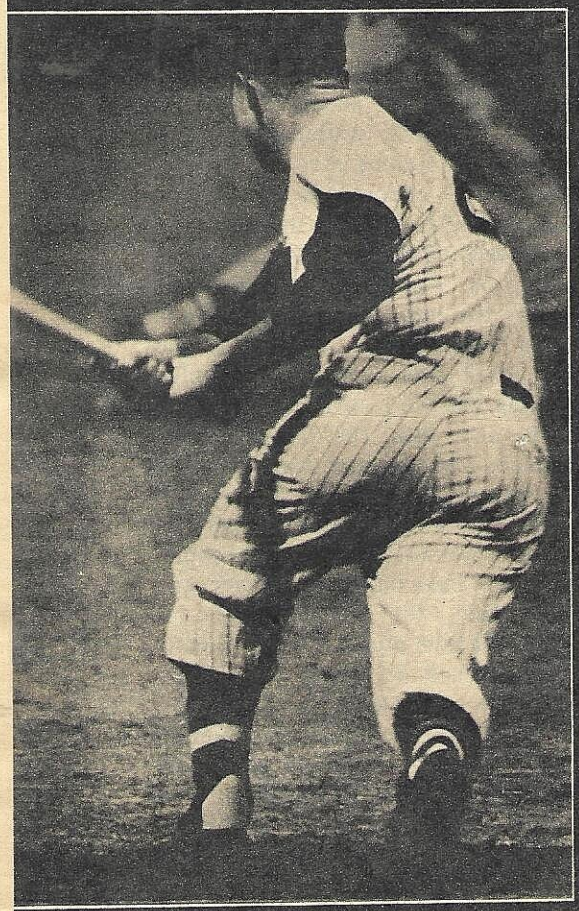
Big Jim Lemon, with one of the widest stances ever seen on a baseball field (see above), hit 33 home runs, knocked in an even 100 runs.

Killer Killebrew was a Joe Hardy come to life, became the darling of Washington fans as he hit 42 home runs to tie for league honors with Colavito.



Take the case of the Washington Senators, and a sizeable segment of the population in the nation's capital did take to them as they flexed their muscles during the first half of the 1959 season. But when the roll was called in Griffith Stadium on the final day of the campaign, the Senators were last—as usual. (continued)

IN THE LEAGUE



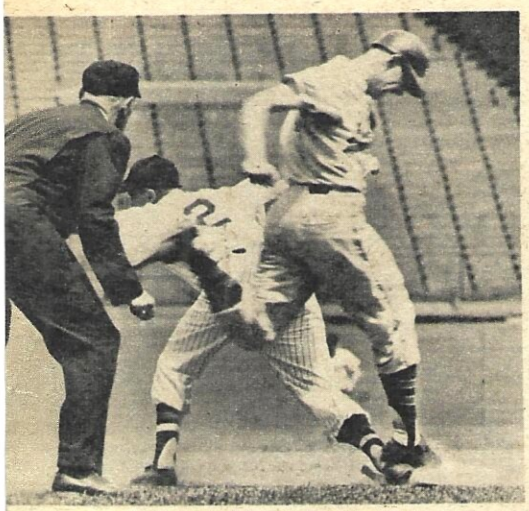
Roy Sievers was out with injuries a good deal, still managed to hit 21 home runs. Here's an unusual rear view of the Sievers swing.

Rookie star Bob Allison, hitting a triple here as Baltimore catcher Gus Triandos watches, weighed in with 30 home runs and 85 RBIs, won Rookie of the Year honor.

Photos by Dick Darcey

WASHINGTON: First in War First in Peace Last in the American League

THE BIG MOVE: WILL THE NATS MOVE OUT OF 8th BEFORE THEY MOVE OUT OF WASHINGTON?

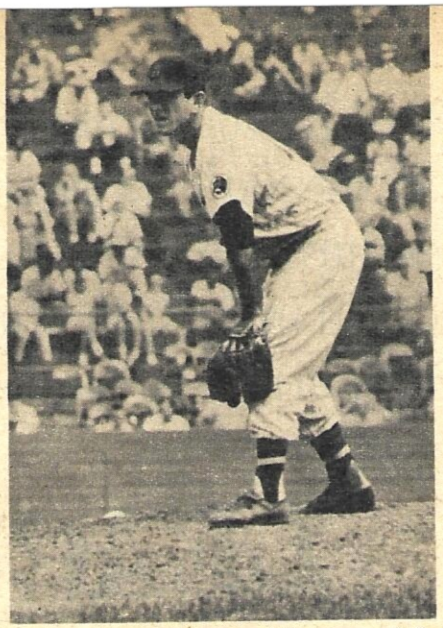


Sievers was injured in this freak play at first. A's Lumpe stepped right on his heel.

Visitors to the ball park from the Pentagon, after a glance at the standings, might have been led to believe the baseballs they saw flying over the fences were as illusory as some of their vanishing missiles. The record book offers indisputable evidence they were real—and lively—baseballs; that the muscular Harmon Killebrew thumped 42 homers to tie for the league lead; that Jim Lemon added 33; that a spectacular rookie, Bob Allison, contributed 30; and that despite part time service due to injuries, Roy Sievers hit 21.

Collectively, the Nats gained 163 home runs, second to Cleveland by a scant four. In addition, they had one of the best pitchers in the majors, Camilo Pascual, who had a won and lost mark of 17-10, led the league in shutouts with six, in complete games with 17, and was second in effectiveness with an earned run average of 2.64.

How does a club like that contrive



Camilo Pascual, with a wicked curve ball, won 17 games for the tailend Senators.

to finish in the cellar? Well, it wasn't easy. The Senators were forced to hit bottom in club batting averages with .237; they were seventh in scoring, also in fielding; and the most vital statistic was an 18-game losing streak in mid-season.

The big blow obviously is not enough and boxing fans might find an analogy in the experience of Rocky Graziano, who was noted for his kayo wallop. Rocky once accepted a challenge to punch his way out of a huge paper bag. Despite furious activity, he couldn't do it. The Senators couldn't punch their way out of the cellar, and during the year, their club owner, Calvin Griffith, encountered a similar difficulty. He couldn't talk his way out of Washington. His threat to move the franchise to Minneapolis was stifled before it came to an official league vote.

As further proof that the Senators are different, their manager, Harry (Cookie) Lavagetto, was signed for 1960 despite a third consecutive eighth place finish. "It wasn't his fault," said Griffith, strange comment in an era when a manager is fortunate to survive the first half of the season if his ball club is floundering.

For Lavagetto, the first half of the 1959 campaign was by far the most exciting of his three-term stay in the Capital. Killebrew had 31 homers by July 15 and was ahead of Babe Ruth's record. Allison was running far in front as "rookie of the year." The team had 110 homers and was aiming for the American League record of 190, set by the Yankees in 1956. Pascual had a seven-game winning streak. The Senators were in fifth place, seven games from the top, when they embarked upon a swing around the circuit July 20—and then it happened!

They lost all of their 15 games in the West, and the string had reached 18 before Truman Clevenger snapped it with a 9-0 victory over Cleveland August 5. By that time, the club was in last place to stay.

"Everything happened," moaned Lavagetto. "First the defense folded, then the hitters went into a slump, and finally the pitching fell apart."

Home runs invariably were hit with the bases empty, and 15 clouts over the fences produced only 16 runs! Killebrew walloped just one during a 15-game stretch. Pascual had three chances to break the streak and two of his defeats were by scores of 3-2 and 2-1.

Lemon was the only man who went through the losing streak with better than a .200 average and his mark was over .300. He ultimately led the club in hitting with .279, and with 100 RBIs and 33 homers had his best year. With an improving Lemon, youngsters like Killebrew and Allison, the veteran campaigner Sievers, and solid pitchers like Pascual, Bill Fischer and Clevenger, the Senators feel it wouldn't take much to carry them a few notches higher in the standings for a change.

The farm system which produced Killebrew and Allison has a 1960 candidate for rookie honors, Dan Dobbek, an outfielder who hit 23 homers over the distant fences in the Southern Association. Lavagetto envisions a powerhouse outfield of Lemon, Allison and Dobbek, a left handed hitter, with Sievers on first. He could use a few infielders and a pitcher or two who might prevent the opposition from matching Washington's run production. And in the trading market, he might sacrifice one or more of his "name players" for what he wants.

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Larry Sherry: Victor in the Coliseum and in Chicago too!

It may not have been great baseball, but the biggest crowds in history saw the Dodgers make history...

THE WORLD SERIES STORY

Here's an inside report...

by Joe Reichler

WORLD SERIES

1st GAME: White Sox 11 Dodgers 0

2nd GAME: Dodgers 4 White Sox 3

The Dodgers played dead . . . then the Sox slipped

■ There was never a World Series like this one. It was the biggest in attendance, with the largest gate. It was the only one in which games were played on a football field. It was, without a doubt, the zaniest in the annals of baseball history.

The Chicago White Sox were out of character from the first pitch. In their very first at bat since the infamous Black Sox of 1919 made a present of the Series to the Reds, they scored two runs. In the bottom half of the third, they pounded out the Dodgers' starter, Roger Craig, with a seven-run outburst. There were times during the regular season when the Sox struggled mightily for most of a full week to score that many runs. Principal weapon was the strongest man in baseball, one Ted Kluszewski, a castoff from the National League, whom the Sox picked up during the last month of the regular season. Ted, with two home runs and five RBIs, thus became the darling of Chicago.

Chief beneficiary of all this power was 39-year-old Early Wynn who stood out on the pitcher's mound, poised and implacable, toying with the tired Dodger hitters. He held them to six singles in seven innings before his ancient arm stiffened in the Comiskey Park cold and he was relieved by Gerry Staley.

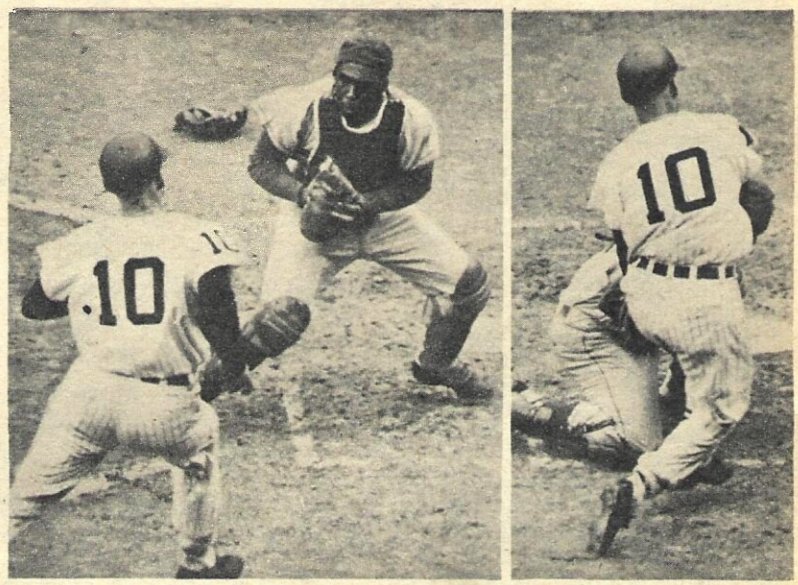
In contrast to the professional manner in which the Sox managed the 11-0 opening victory, the Dodgers resembled anything but a championship aggregation. They were guilty of three errors in one inning (They made only one more in the entire six game set!) ; they appeared jittery and tense; they also appeared to be just plain tired. Perhaps it was the natural letdown after two straight victories over the Braves in the National League pennant playoff. Perhaps, thought exuberant Chicago partisans, the Dodgers are strictly products of Hollywood's fertile imagination, a team that will blow away in four straight.

In the second game the Dodgers proved their right to be in the Series and the Sox reverted to type. This was a typical Dodger victory. After trailing most of the way, the Dodgers came on to win 4-3. In the fifth inning, Charlie Neal hit one into the seats for the first run of the Series for the Dodgers. They still trailed 2-1. Then in the seventh, the slight Neal, deceptively well-muscled in the chest area, whacked another home run, this one with a man on. Coupled with a pinch home run hit by Chuck Essegian, this provided the Dodgers with their margin of victory. But that one run margin needed protection and the insurance provided by a costly running error by the Sox in order to stand up.

Larry Sherry was on the mound when Kluszewski opened the Sox eighth with a bloop single. Sherman Lollar followed with a scratch hit. Al Smith then banged a hit up the alley between Snider and Moon. The ball hit the left field wall on one bounce, came right back to Moon who whirled and threw a strike to shortstop Wills.

Earl Torgeson, running for Klu, had already scored, but Lollar, who held up on the hit, was just around third. He was waved home by third base coach Tony Cuccinello. Lollar was easily cut down, Wills to Roseboro and the back of a promising Sox rally was thus broken.

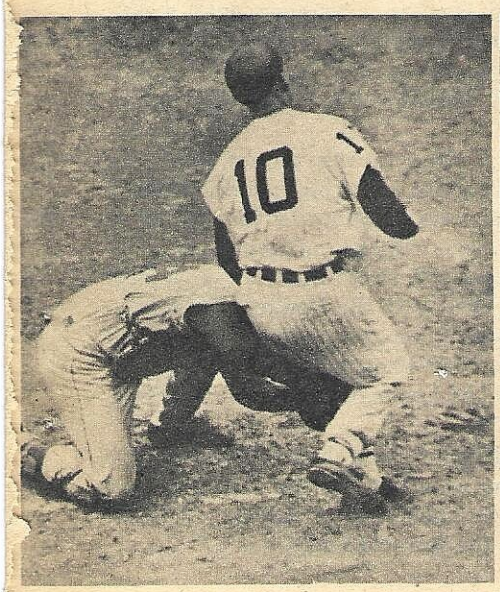
The Dodgers, as had been the case all season, made the perfect play when it was needed.

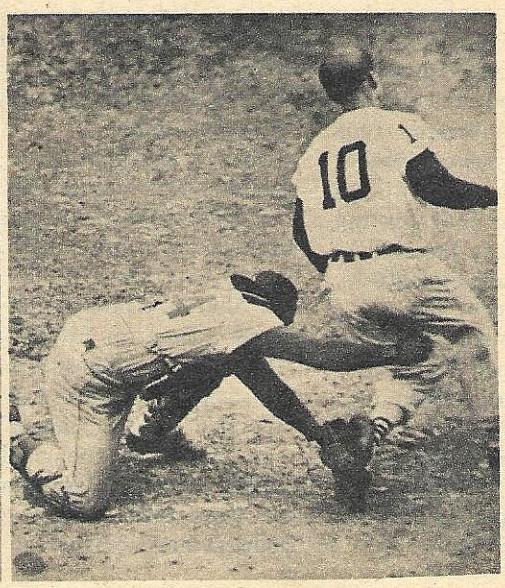


Second Game: Key play was Lollar's ill-advised attempt to score . . .

First Game: Big hitting hero for the White Sox was muscular Ted Kluszewski.

Walt Alston suffers through first game.





Dodger catcher Roseboro took the throw, blocked the plate, tagged Lollar out.

WORLD SERIES

3rd GAME: Dodgers 3 White Sox 1

4th GAME: Dodgers 5 White Sox 4

A Chinese recipe

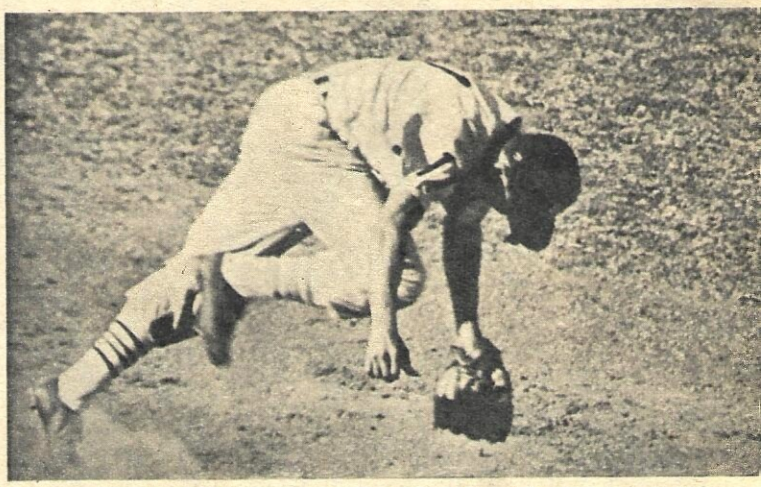
■ They laughed when they got their first look at the Coliseum. The White Sox came ambling out into the spacious pasture provided by Walter O'Malley as a home field for his Dodgers and they snickered at the trick left field barrier only a 250-foot niblick shot from home plate.

Compared to the perfectly ordered Comiskey Park, the Coliseum is a Chinese nightmare, knock-kneed, pigeon-toed, cross-eyed and thoroughly unsuitable as a place to play baseball, major-league style. But though it produced weird baseball, it also produced 277,750 cash customers for three games and the richest World Series with the largest player pool in baseball history.

Those who witnessed the third game saw an improbable pitching duel between Don Drysdale and Dick Donovan. Drysdale gave up 11 hits and four passes in seven innings without yielding a run. Donovan gave up just one hit and no walks in six innings to lose. Drysdale was walking a tightrope most of the scorching afternoon. Donovan was steady and effective but got nowhere. A brilliant Dodger defense nullified 15 White Sox base runners. Los Angeles pulled off three double plays. They also had the benefit of catcher John Roseboro's strong and unsuspectedly accurate throwing arm. He short-circuited three of the Sox Go-Go base stealers to ruin the Chicago attack.

On offense, the Dodgers waited until the seventh when Neal singled off the monstrous left field screen. Walks to Norm Larker and Gil Hodges loaded the bases. Lopez took Donovan out and put in Staley. Alston called on Carl Furillo to bat. Carl hit a hard grounder to shortstop Luis Aparicio's left. Aparicio had made that play every day of the week for 154 games. This time he didn't and two runs came over on the single to make it 2-0. After that nothing else mattered. When the Sox chased Drysdale in the eighth, Alston had young Sherry to call in to take care of matters. Sherry proceeded to do just that. Final score: 3-1.

In the fourth game, the White Sox, limp and confused by the peculiarities of the Coliseum, unraveled. They came apart in the third inning when the Dodgers scored four times on five hits and some sloppy White Sox fielding. The team that had not given away a thing during the season suddenly became over-generous. Two errors of commission and one of omission put them in a hole and caused the demise of their shell-shocked pitcher, Early Wynn.



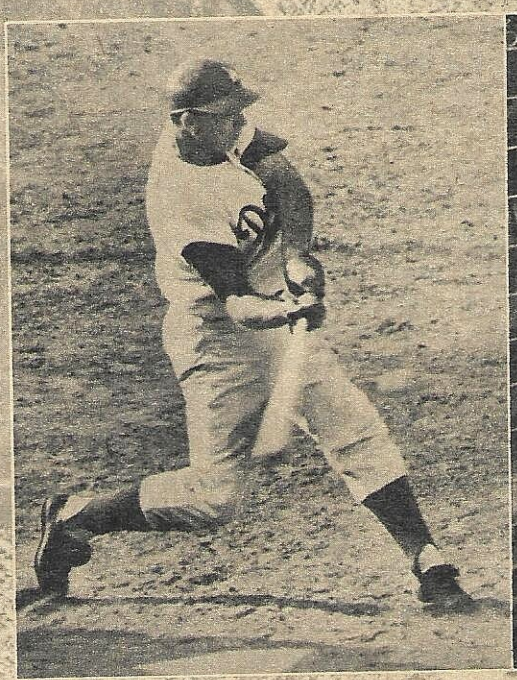
Luis Aparicio makes a vain attempt to snare Carl Furillo's bouncing single which broke up the third game.

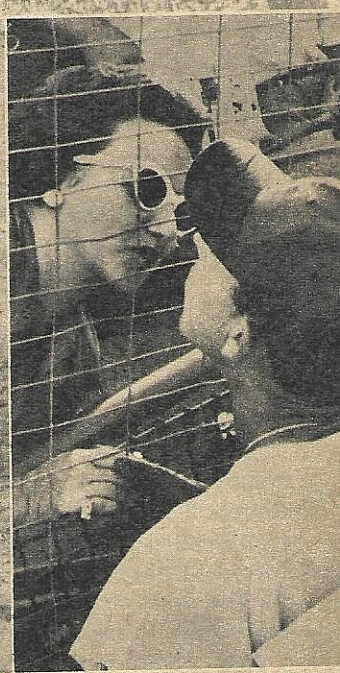
With Roger Craig pitching soundly, the Dodgers seemed to have things well in hand. No one was prepared for the seventh when the Chicagoans sprang to life with four runs to tie matters at 4-4. Gil Hodges, a veteran with a few more heroics left in him, bashed a home run that the Dodgers needed to unlock things and once more Larry Sherry, a former Los Angeles schoolboy, came strolling in from the bullpen.

Sherry saved Johnny Podres in the second game by checking the Sox in the last three innings; he had saved Drysdale in the third game with two shutout innings. Now he came in to pitch two more runless innings in relief of Craig. And this time he received credit for the 5-4 victory. For Sherry, a pitcher not even with the Dodgers until July, it was a time for jubilation. His mates confidently chanted "One more to go-go-go" as they whooped it up in the dressing room. Across the way, Al Lopez bravely told reporters, "We still have a chance."

In his heart, the good señor must have known that a miracle, nothing less, was required for the White Sox to get back into things. He should have known that the Dodgers had a corner on the miracle market.

Al Lopez, the usually ebullient Sox manager, can't look as Sox chances go down the drain.





Gil Hodges, his bad first year in Los Angeles behind him, slams the homer that wins the fourth game, gets a kiss from his wife.

WORLD SERIES

5th GAME: White Sox 1 Dodgers 0

6th GAME: Dodgers 9 White Sox 3

Victory Formula: A good stiff shot

■ With the single exception of Don Larsen's famed perfect game, the fifth game of the 1959 World Series was the most spine-tingling in recent Series history.

For the third straight day the crowd set a new high. The fans who had come out to see the Dodgers clinch things in four straight after their opening game loss saw the White Sox push across a lone run in the fourth inning. They spent the rest of an agonizing afternoon pleading with their favorites to overhaul the back-to-the-wall White Sox. The Dodgers tried almost everything, getting eleven men on base, but they couldn't bring any runner past third. The California sun and the heat tried to help too. The sun's blinding rays and the white-shirted background of the crowd made fielders grope their way drunkenly after fly balls.

The wild eighth inning, one of the most dramatic innings of baseball ever played, threw the sweltering crowd into an uproar. Wally Moon started the Dodger half by lacing one of Bob Shaw's pitches into center field. Jim Landis was waiting, but that sun blinded him and the ball dropped in for a single. Shaw got the next man but then Gil Hodges singled to center and raced to second on a futile throw attempting to get Moon at third. Then the managerial wheels began to turn. Alston sent up the lefthanded batter Ron Fairly to hit for Don Demeter. Lopez countered by yanking Shaw, shutout and all, in favor of lefthanded Billy Pierce. Then Alston withdrew Fairly for Rip Repulski, a righthanded batter. Pierce, as the announced pitcher, was forced to pitch to him, but Lopez gave Pierce his orders. As the tense crowd booed, Billy issued Repulski a deliberate walk to load the bases.

Now Alston sent up Carl Furillo, hero of the third game, to hit for Johnny Roseboro. Lopez, after a short conference, removed Pierce and brought in Donovan, a righty, to pitch to Furillo. The crowd was wild with anticipation as Donovan fired in to Furillo. But Carl's best this time was a pop to the infield and he became the second out.

Now Alston brought up Don Zimmer, a low average but long ball hitter. Zimmer failed, hoisting a short fly to left for the third out. Lopez and the Sox were out of the woods.

When the eighth had ended, the official scorer found that three Chicago pitchers had seen action and three Los Angeles pinch hitters had been called. For the first time a trio of pitchers, Bob Shaw, Billy Pierce and Dick Donovan, had been used to protect a shutout.

In the ninth, the Dodgers, their bench exhausted from the previous inning, were forced to send up pitcher Larry Sherry as a pinch hitter. He grounded out as did Jim Gilliam and Charley Neal. Thus the Sox were still alive and the Series was returned to Chicago for its final innings.

It took the Dodgers 55 years to win a World Series for the now forgotten faithful of Flatbush. It took them just two years to win the world championship after finishing in seventh place the year before.

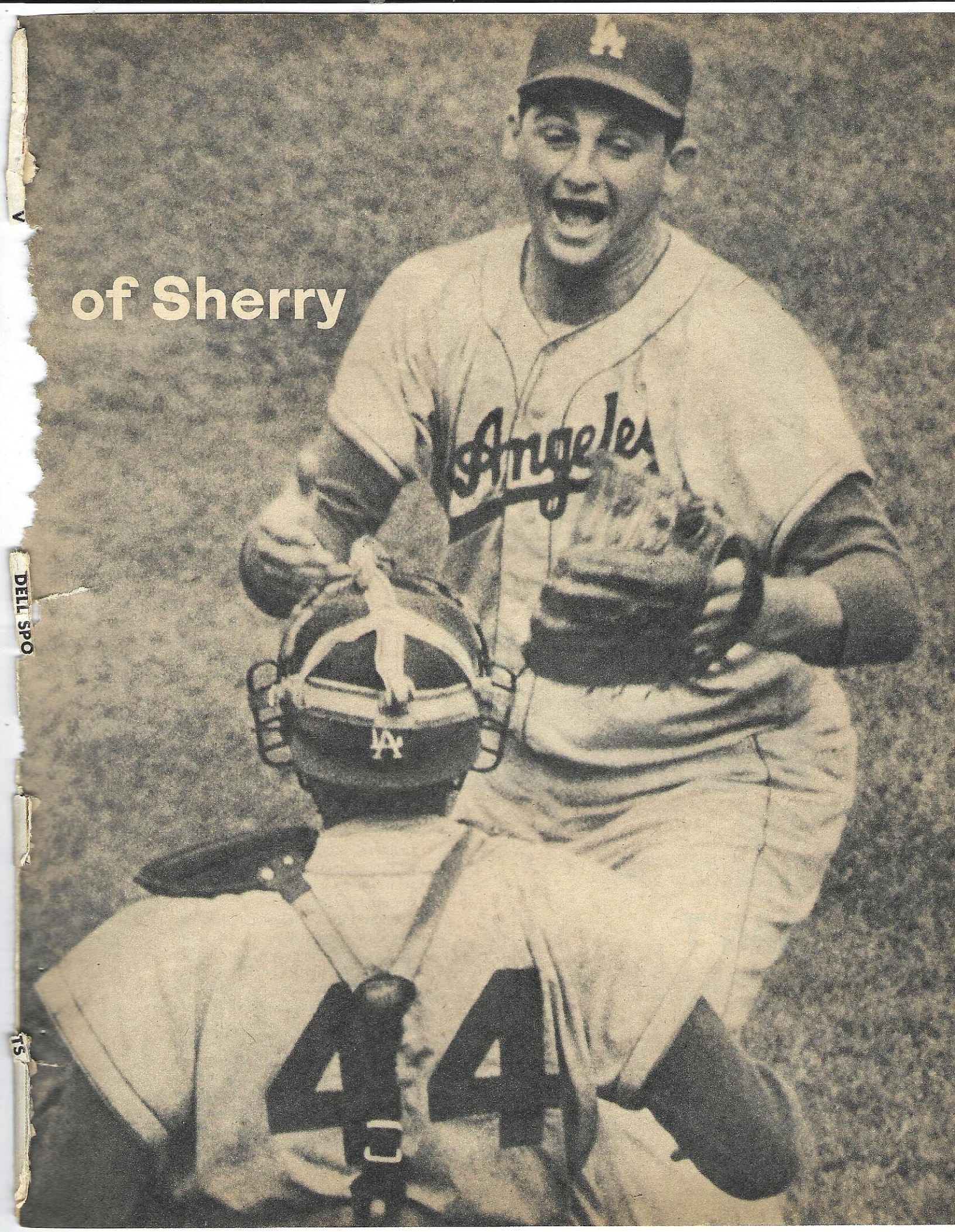
The Dodgers waited until the sixth game to look their best. The game was decided in the first four innings. In the third, Duke Snider, the Dodgers' aging avocado rancher, walloped a two-run homer off Early Wynn, who was making his third start with only two days' rest. In the fourth, Wynn and Dick Donovan came down with a crash as the Dodgers poured six runs across, climaxed by a home run delivered by Wally Moon. Another homer by Chuck Essegian, pinch hitting for Snider, completed the Dodger scoring. Essegian's second pinch homer gave him a Series record to keep him warm over the winter.

Long before the final out was recorded, the 47,653 Windy City spectators knew that their White Sox were through for the year. Manager Al Lopez must have known it too, even when the battered but still battling Sox rallied for three runs in their half of the fourth to knock out starter Johnny Podres. Big Ted Kluszewski hammered another home run, his third, enabling him to set a record of 10 runs batted in for a six-game set.

When Podres walked from the rubber, he was replaced by the kid who turned in his finest performance of all in this final game of 1959. For the fourth time, Walt Alston called on Larry Sherry and again he brought the Sox to a dead stop. As a result he was credited with the 9-3 victory, his second triumph of the Series, and his was acclaimed the outstanding individual performance.

The White Sox, thoroughly outplayed and outfought, beaten at their own go-go game and outshone on defense, never had a chance. In case anyone had any doubts about the Dodgers' superiority, this sixth game settled it beyond question. The Dodgers had the defense, they had the bigger guns and they had Larry Sherry. Sherry not only put out the fire in the sixth game, but he permitted only 4 hits in 5⅔ innings. That gave him a total of 12⅔ innings pitched in which he gave up but one run and eight hits. Not bad for a kid who only three months before was toiling for St. Paul of the American Association. And not bad for a team that had finished a dismal seventh one year before.

Sherry has got the final out, now rushes to celebrate with catcher Roseboro.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CHUCK DRESSEN SAYS . . .

"THE DODGERS CAN'T REPEAT"

Last year a Dodger coach, this year manager of the Milwaukee Braves, Dressen thinks he knows just how his former team can be licked.

Dick Young, ace sports columnist for the New York Daily News, *has been a longtime observer and friend of Charley Dressen. Shortly after Dressen was hired as manager of the Milwaukee Braves, Young talked with Dressen and gave us the following report.*

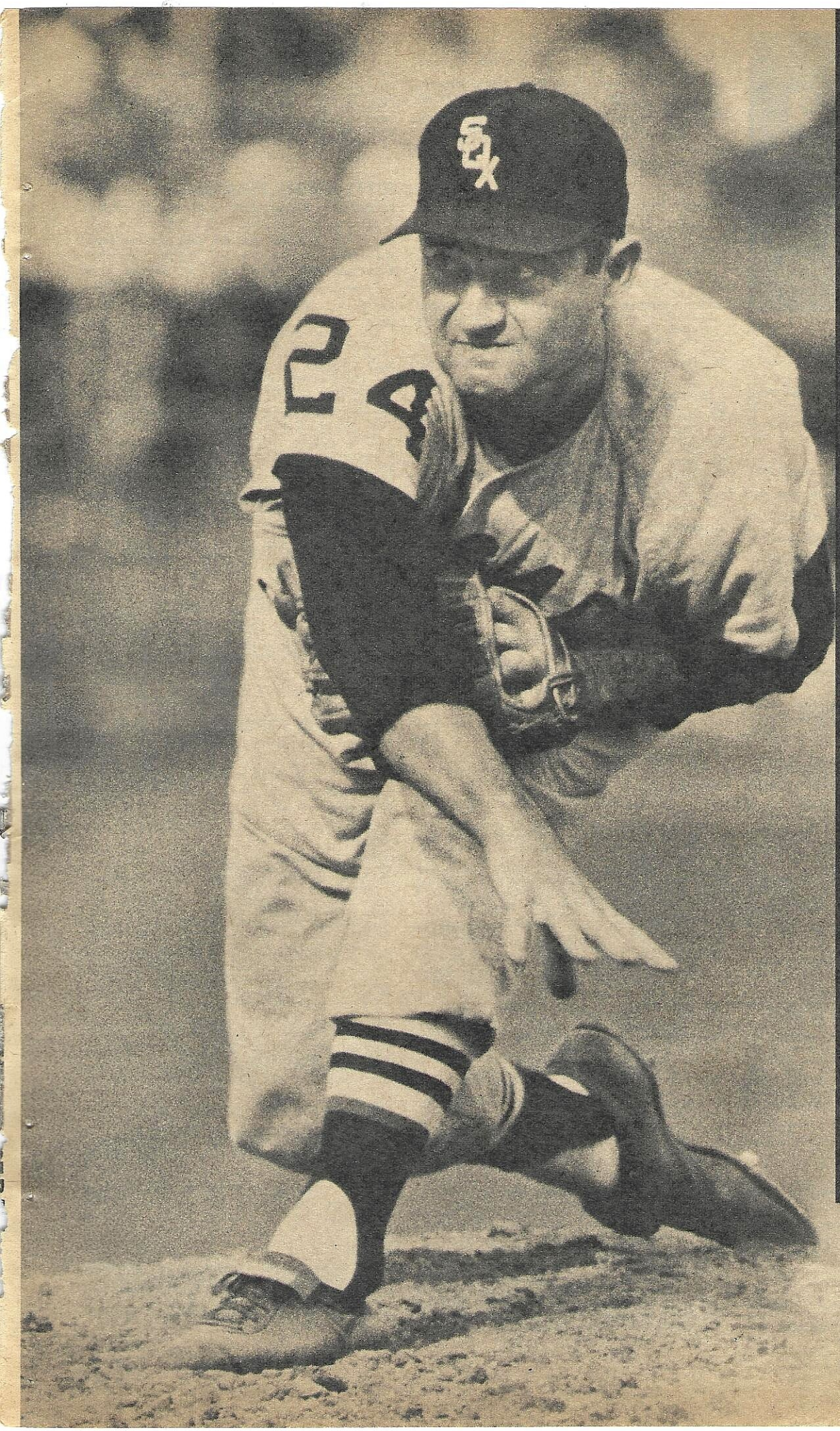
Chuck Dressen, the preening little fighting cock who helped the Dodgers to the World Championship last year, doesn't believe they will repeat. His reasoning is the simplest possible.

"The Dodgers can't win it again," says Chuck, "because *we're* going to. I don't think it will take much help for us to win the pennant. We have power. We have the makings of a real good pitching staff. This isn't the slowest club in the league, either. And another thing, we'll be trying to make some kind of a deal. I started working on that as soon as I got the job. Schoendienst says he can play 100 games for us and nobody hopes harder than I do that he's right. But if he can't, we'll try some youngsters we have or make that deal."

There is a certain amount of boastful allegiance in Dressen's prediction—now that he is manager of the Braves and no longer Walt Alston's chief braintruster with the Dodgers. But there is a certain amount of hardrock baseball sense there too.

Asked about the team he just left and their chances for repeating, Chuck said, "If anything, they should be an improved team because they have a bunch of young kids who are still improving. (See Dodgers' story, page 8.) But I'll tell you something. They also have some older guys who may be going the other way."

What Chuck Dressen didn't say about the new season is something that we think he means and that we can say for him. The Braves this year will have a more aggressive manager. They'll also have a manager who knows intimately just what the caliber of the opposition, namely the Dodgers, is. Some of Dressen's confidence is bound to rub off on the Braves. His knowledge of baseball and the weaknesses of the Dodgers in particular could mean that the Dodgers won't repeat as champs in 1960.



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Winner of the Cy Young Award for 1959, Early Wynn of the White Sox fires his fastball.

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LOS ANGELES DODGERS

RECORD Pos. 1 W. 88 L. 68 Pct. .564 G.A. 2

	Mil.	S. F.	Pitt.	Chi.	Cinn.	St. L.	Phil.	Totals
W-L at home	6-6	5-6	7-4	6-5	6-5	6-5	11-0	47-31
W-L on road	8-4	9-2	4-7	5-6	3-8	6-5	6-5	41-37

REVIEW

April 14—Lose to Cards, 6-2, before record N.L. night crowd of 61,552 in Coliseum.
26—Open against East in first place with 9-5 record.
May 3—Fourth after losing three straight to Reds; tie for first next day.
5—Knocked back to fourth again by 3-2 16-inning loss to Braves.
7—Draw record baseball crowd of 93,103 at Campanella benefit game against Yankees; Furillo breaks rib in exhibition; Hodges injures shoulder in 2-1 matinee win over Giants.
12—Tie for lead on four-victory spurt.
30—Fourth, 5½ games back, with 24-23 record.
June 14—Sink to fifth on four straight defeats.
19—Craig, called up from minors, beats Reds, 6-2.
20—Back in fourth on four straight victories.
22—Koufax sets night game strikeout mark of 16 in 6-2 win over Phils.
28—Take second place on seven-victory spurt.
July 4—Third, 1½ games out, with 45-37 record.
23—Hodges injures right leg; out for a month.
29—Take lead for a day on Craig's 2-0 victory over Pirates.
Aug. 8—Record major league crowd of 90,751 at Coliseum watches 4-2 victory over Braves.
31—Koufax fans 18 Giants to tie major league record held by Feller.
Sept. 1—In second place, 1½ games back; pitching staff boosts league strikeout record to 892, raises major league mark to 899 next day.
6—Drop 3 games behind by losing twice to Cubs.
14—Third, after 4-1 loss to Braves.
20—Take lead by beating Giants three straight —4-1, 5-3, 8-2.
22—Lose to Cards, 11-10, and fall behind Braves.
23—Top Cards, 3-0, behind Craig and tie Braves.
25—In front, on 5-4, 11-inning win over Cubs.
27—Finish in pennant tie with Braves as result of split with Cubs as Braves beat Phils twice.
28—Down Braves, 3-2, in first play-off on Sherry's scoreless 7⅔-inning relief.
29—Win flag by beating Braves, 6-5, in 12th after scoring three runs to tie in 9th.

COMMENT—One-year rise from seventh to first set a league record. They did it on depth and cool handling by Alston, who earned manager-of-year acclaim. Depth and potentially great young pitching should keep them up there but, without new leaders of the old Brooklyn stripe, they aren't a solid bet to stay on top.

MILWAUKEE BRAVES

RECORD Pos. 2 W. 86 L. 70 Pct. .551 G.B. 2

	L. A.	S. F.	Pitt.	Chi.	Cinn.	St. L.	Phil.	Totals
W-L at home	4-8	6-5	9-2	8-3	6-5	9-2	7-4	49-29
W-L on road	6-6	6-5	6-5	4-7	5-6	4-7	6-5	37-41

REVIEW

April 11—Get Vernon from Indians for Robinson.
18—Beaten by Pirates after winning 4 in row.
26—Knocked out of first place by 11-10 defeat by Reds, as use of 14 pitchers sets two-team league record; jockey in and out of lead for next three weeks.
May 13—Take lead on Spahn's 250th victory 3-2, over Cards, which touches off 6-game winning streak.
26—Spoil Haddix's perfect game by beating Pirates, 1-0, on double and error in 13th.
30—Ahead by 3 games, with 27-15 record.
June 19—Beaten by Giants, 4-3, lose lead; bounce back next day.
July 4—Knocked out of lead by Phils; regain it July 5, then drop to third.
July 21—In fourth place as result of 7-game losing streak; buy Avila from Red Sox.
27—Take second on five-game sweep over Pirates, including three straight shut-outs.
Aug. 4—First for a day, on Spahn's 261st victory, 6-1, over Giants.
20—Covington injures ankle vs. Giants; out for season.
Sept. 1—Third, 3 games back, with 70-61 record.
2—Schoendienst, in first action since lung operation preceding October, pinch hits against Phils; but Red is not yet fit to help.
3—Get Slaughter from Yankees; Logan lost for two weeks with toe infection.
12—Tied for second with Dodgers after winning seven straight games.
17—Still tied for second after splits with Dodgers and Giants.
22—In lead after winning four in row.
26—Spahn downs Phils, 3-2, for record 267th victory by N.L. southpaw.
27—After losing to Pirates and Phils, beat Phils twice to tie Dodgers for pennant.
28—Bow to Dodgers, 3-2, in play-off opener.
29—Yield title to Dodgers, 6-5, in 12th inning after blowing 3-run lead in 9th.
Oct. 24—Fred Haney having quit, sign Charley Dressen as 1960 manager.

COMMENT—Loss of Schoendienst, injuries to Buhl, Covington, Bruton, Mathews and Logan along way and disappointing performance by young pitchers were at bottom of failure to repeat. Had to lean too much on Aaron, Mathews, Crandall, Spahn and Burdette. Retain nucleus for another bid but supporting cast must be strengthened.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

RECORD Pos. 3 W. 83 L. 71 Pct. .539 G.B. 4

	L. A.	Mil.	Pitt.	Chi.	Cinn.	St. L.	Phil.	Totals
W-L at home	2-9	5-6	7-4	6-5	7-4	8-3	7-4	42-35
W-L on road	6-5	5-6	5-6	4-7	7-4	8-3	6-5	41-36

REVIEW

March 25—Get Sam Jones from Cards for Bill White.
April 12—Take lead by winning first 3 games.
22—Bring in Sam Jones to protect 6-3 lead over Dodgers; he continues to relieve between starts.
26—Head East in third place, with 9-6 record.
May 2—Move to top by beating Braves twice.
10—Fourth, after 4 straight losses to Dodgers.
25—Suffer first shut-out, 8-0, by Dodgers.
30—Second, with 25-19 record.
June 11—Sanford hit on hand by pitch against Pirates; lost as starter for a month.
13—Buy Hegan from Phillies.
19—Take first place when Jones down Braves, 4-3, in 10 innings; drop back next day.
July 4—First again, with 45-34 record.
5—Lose lead on split to Cards regain it on three-game sweep over Reds.
29—After 24 days in front, drop to second on 3-1 loss to Phillies; bounce back next day.
30—McCovey joins club and starts month-long batting spree.
Aug. 4—Lose lead on 6-1 loss to Braves, recapture it by beating Milwaukee twice.
13—Bow to Cubs, 20-9, in record-setting 3 hour 50 minute 9-inning game.
17—Knee injury puts Davenport on shelf for all but few late games.
22—Ahead by 3½ after 3 straight wins over Phils; then rained out of double-header.
27—Beaten twice by Phils in replay of washed out Aug. 23 double-header, rescheduled under protest after a night game in Pittsburgh.
31—Lose 2 of 3 to Dodgers and lead by 1.
Sept. 7—Ahead by 3 on 4-of-6 spurt.
17—Lead by 2, with 8 to go, after beating Braves, 13-6, in the "big one"; Jones called in to save in 8th.
20—Lose 3 in row to Dodgers—4-1, 5-3, 8-2—and drop to third; out of lead for first time since Aug. 4.
23—Drop 2 in row to Cubs—5-4, and 9-8 in 10 innings, and fall 2 games behind; Jones, on one-day rest, loses series opener in relief.
26—Jones pitches 7-inning no-hitter vs. Cards.
27—Eliminated by double loss to Cards.

COMMENT—Had pennant won going into the stretch. Then thin pitching staff wore out and they lost 7 of last 8. Hitters also let down toward end. Rigney was criticized for over-use of Jones but he had little choice. After a month's wait, he was rehired as manager for 1960. To keep club in contention, he badly needs pitching help. May have to trade power to get it.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

RECORD Pos. 4 W. 78 L. 76 Pct. .506 G.B. 9

	L. A.	Mil.	S. F.	Chi.	Cinn.	St. L.	Phil.	Totals
W-L at home	7-4	5-6	6-5	4-7	10-1	8-3	7-4	47-30
W-L on road	4-7	2-9	4-7	6-5	3-8	6-5	6-5	31-46

REVIEW

April 18—Beat Braves, 11-5, after losing first five games and playing one tie.
26—Open stand against West tied for sixth, with 5-7 record.
May 4—Reach .500 by winning 4 in row.
24—Third after winning 5 straight.
26—Haddix pitches 12 perfect innings but loses to Braves, 1-0, on double and error.
30—Third, 5½ games back, with 22-21 record.
June 11—Make 7 errors, to five for San Francisco, in 12-9 loss to Giants.
July 4—Fourth, 4½ games out, with 41-19 record.
10—Beat Cubs, 7-6, to complete 5-game streak.
12—Reach peak of 2½ games behind lead on another streak of 3 straight.
29—Put out of contention by nine straight defeats, first three shut-outs by Braves.
Aug. 25—Trade Kluszewski to White Sox for Simpson.
30—Close in to four games behind on 9 of 10 spurt but fall back again in stretch.
Sept. 28—Murtaugh rehired as manager for 1960.

COMMENT—Expected to make strong race, suffered general letdown, with Friend and Mazeroski chief disappointments. Lacking power, they had to get top performance from all hands to stay in fight. As now constituted, team falls a bit short. With help, it could be a factor.

CHICAGO CUBS

RECORD Pos. 5 (tie) W. 74 L. 80 Pct. .481 G.B. 13

	L. A.	Mil.	S. F.	Pitt.	Cinn.	St. L.	Phil.	Totals
W-L at home	6-5	7-4	7-4	5-6	4-7	5-6	5-6	39-38
W-L on road	5-6	3-8	5-6	7-4	5-6	5-6	5-6	35-42

REVIEW

April 26—Fifth, with 5-5 record.
May 19—Get Noren from Cards for King.
30—Still at .500, 23-23, and still fifth, after several days in third place.
June 7—Rise to third again on 5 straight wins.
July 4—Back in fifth, again at .500, 39-39.
Aug. 6—Beat Phils to end 6-game losing streak.
13—Rout Giants, 20-6, with 6 HRs in record-setting 3 hour 50 minute game.
Sept. 6—Tied for fifth, with 65-69 record.
23—Knock Giants out of race by winning 2 in row, 5-4 and 9-8 in 10 innings.
28—Bob Scheffing released as manager. Charley Grimm recalled for third term.

COMMENT—Another great slugging performance by Banks, named MVP for second straight year, and work of young pitchers made it a respectable season. But team is too overloaded with fading veterans to expect much improvement without sweeping changes.

CINCINNATI REDS

RECORD Pos. 5 (tie) W. 74 L. 80 Pct. .481 G.B. 13

	L. A.	Mil.	S. F.	Pitt.	Chi.	St. L.	Phil.	Totals
W-L at home	8-3	6-5	4-7	8-3	6-5	7-4	4-7	43-34
W-L on road	5-6	5-6	4-7	1-10	7-4	4-7	5-6	31-46

REVIEW

April 9—Purkey beats Pirates, 4-1, for Reds' first opening-day victory in five years.
26—Begin play with West in fourth place, with 7-6 record.
May 1—Give Ennis to White Sox for Rudolph, Skizas

9—Take first place for one day, on 4 straight winning streak.
30—In sixth place, 7 behind, with 21-23 record.
June 8—Get Brosnan from Cards for Jeffcoat.
14—McMillan injured against Cards; out 6 weeks.
20—Sink to seventh on four straight losses.
July 4—Seventh, 9 behind, with 35-43 record.
8—Fire Mayo Smith, sign Fred Hutchinson as manager; record 35-45.
12—End 6-game losing streak by beating Dodgers.
Aug. 4—Rise to sixth on four-victory spurt.
11—McMillan breaks collarbone in collision with Bruton of Braves; out for season.
23—Take fifth place.
Sept. 22—Lose 5 in row and drop back down to sixth.
27—Tie Cubs for fifth by beating Pirates twice on last day.

COMMENT—Added bright new star in Pinson and Robinson, Bell and Newcombe had good comeback seasons. But failure of Thomas to hit up to expectations killed their chances. Their power and down-the-middle defense will continue to be wasted until pitching is beefed up. Hutchinson will have problems but should stay as manager for awhile.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

RECORD Pos. 7 W. 71 L. 83 Pct. .461 G.B. 16

	L.A.	Mil.	S.F.	Pitt.	Chi.	Cinn.	Phil.	Totals
W-L at home	5-6	7-4	3-8	5-6	6-5	7-4	9-2	42-35
W-L on road	5-6	2-9	3-8	3-8	6-5	4-7	6-5	29-48

REVIEW

March 25—Trade Sam Jones to the Giants in exchange for Bill White.
April 16—Set major league record by using 25 players and N.L. mark by using eight pinch-hitters in 7-6 loss to Dodgers.
26—Head East in eighth place, with 4-11 record.
May 16—Quit cellar on 8-2 win over Phils.
30—Seventh, with 18-25 record.
June 8—Trade Brosnan to Reds for Jeffcoat.
20—Move up to sixth on 4-of-5 spurt.
July 4—Sixth, with 36-41 record.
20—Tied for fifth, at .495 percentage peak.
Aug. 2—Drop back to seventh and, except for three days, remain there.
8—Announce retention of Hemus as manager for 1960; Solly says he will keep Musial on bench, concentrate on developing young players.
26—Beat Braves to end six-game losing streak.
29—Musial, playing again semi-regularly, hits 410th major league homer.
Sept. 13—Boyer stopped by Hobbie of Cubs after hitting safely in 29 straight games.
20—Musial's 3200 hit helps beat Cubs, 11-4.
21—White suffers concussion, 25-stitch cut in crash into wall vs. Cubs.
22—McDaniel sets Card record with 61st relief appearance in 11-10 win over Dodgers; Hemus ejected for eighth time.
27—Eliminate Giants by winning double-header.

COMMENT—Have power nucleus for rise in Boyer, Cunningham, Cimoli and White, who had fine season. Miller's development brightened pitching picture but staff still lacks depth. It wouldn't take too much to get them up there. Hemus, fined and censured by league for his umpire-baiting, should learn from his freshman year. Hope for a final good fling from Musial or a trade for help.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

RECORD Pos. 8 W. 64 L. 90 Pct. .416 G.B. 23

	L.A.	Mil.	S.F.	Pitt.	Chi.	Cinn.	St.L.	Totals
W-L at home	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	6-5	6-5	5-6	37-40
W-L on road	0-11	4-7	4-7	4-7	6-5	7-4	2-9	27-50

REVIEW

March 31—Get Conley, Koppe and Hanebrink from Braves for Lopata, O'Brien, Kazanski.
April 17—Gomez injures knee vs. Reds; never gets to pitch at top form.
April 26—Open against West tied for sixth, with 5-7 record.
May 16—Trade Hamner to Indians for Robinson.
20—In cellar after losing 8 in row.
30—Still in eighth place, with 16-27 record.
June 5—Trade Jones to Indians for Bolger.
6—Quit cellar on 4-3 victory over Cardinals.
8—Buy Drake from Dodgers.
9—Return to basement to stay.
27—End 6-game losing streak by beating Giants.
Aug. 27—Snap another 6-game losing streak by downing Giants twice in rescheduled double-header.
Sept. 24—Absolved of blame by front office, Ed Sawyer is rehired as manager for 1960.

COMMENT—Letdowns by H. Anderson, Ashburn, Gomez and others nullified strengthened infield and good comeback pitching by Conley and Roberts. Rise of Freese and Owens offers encouragement, still need much reinforcement.

Here is a handy reference chart showing the standings of NL teams during the 1959 pennant race. Large numbers indicate the place held by each team on the given date.

1959 National League Teams Progress

	APRIL 26	MAY 10	MAY 24	JUNE 7	JUNE 21	JULY 4	JULY 19	AUG. 2	AUG. 16	AUG. 30	SEPT. 13	FINAL
LOS ANGELES	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	2	2	2	1
	W-8 L-5 Behind ½	W-15 L-12 Behind 1	W-21 L-19 Behind 4	W-28 L-25 Behind 3½	W-36 L-32 Behind 2½	W-44 L-36 Behind 1½	W-50 L-42 Behind 3	W-59 L-47 Behind ½	W-63 L-52 Behind 2½	W-70 L-59 Behind 3	W-78 L-63 Behind 1	W-88 L-68 Behind 0
MILWAUKEE	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	2	2
	W-7 L-3 Behind 0	W-12 L-9 Behind 1	W-22 L-12 Behind 0	W-30 L-20 Behind 0	W-37 L-28 Behind 0	W-43 L-32 Behind 0	W-46 L-40 Behind 4	W-56 L-44 Behind ½	W-61 L-52 Behind 3½	W-70 L-59 Behind 3	W-78 L-63 Behind 1	W-86 L-70 Behind 2
SAN FRANCISCO	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3
	W-8 L-6 Behind 1	W-13 L-11 Behind 1½	W-20 L-17 Behind 3½	W-29 L-22 Behind 1½	W-38 L-37 Behind ½	W-44 L-34 Behind ½	W-52 L-38 Behind 0	W-58 L-45 Behind 0	W-65 L-49 Behind 0	W-73 L-56 Behind 0	W-79 L-62 Behind 0	W-83 L-71 Behind 4
PITTSBURGH	6	6	5	3	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4
	W-4 L-6 Behind 3	W-11 L-12 Behind 3	W-18 L-18 Behind 5	W-27 L-24 Behind 3½	W-35 L-31 Behind 2½	W-40 L-39 Behind 5	W-47 L-43 Behind 5	W-50 L-54 Behind 8½	W-57 L-58 Behind 8½	W-68 L-62 Behind 5½	W-72 L-71 Behind 8	W-78 L-76 Behind 9
CHICAGO	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
	W-7 L-6 Behind 1½	W-13 L-13 Behind 2½	W-20 L-20 Behind 5	W-26 L-25 Behind 4½	W-32 L-33 Behind 5	W-38 L-38 Behind 5½	W-45 L-45 Behind 7	W-50 L-52 Behind 7½	W-56 L-57 Behind 8½	W-61 L-67 Behind 11½	W-67 L-74 Behind 12	W-74 L-80 Behind 13
CINCINNATI	5	1	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	5	6	5
	W-6 L-6 Behind 2	W-14 L-9 Behind 0	W-18 L-19 Behind 5½	W-24 L-27 Behind 6½	W-29 L-36 Behind 8	W-35 L-42 Behind 9	W-40 L-50 Behind 12	W-48 L-55 Behind 10	W-56 L-60 Behind 10	W-62 L-68 Behind 11½	W-69 L-74 Behind 11	W-74 L-80 Behind 13
ST. LOUIS	8	8	7	8	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7
	W-4 L-10 Behind 5	W-8 L-17 Behind 7	W-16 L-21 Behind 7½	W-19 L-30 Behind 10½	W-29 L-34 Behind 7	W-36 L-40 Behind 7½	W-43 L-46 Behind 8½	W-48 L-55 Behind 10	W-54 L-63 Behind 12½	W-61 L-71 Behind 13½	W-65 L-78 Behind 15	W-71 L-83 Behind 16
PHILADELPHIA	6	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
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1959 National League Teams Summary

	Batting average	Runs	Opp. runs	Hits	Doubles	Triples	Home runs	Opp. HR's	Total Bases	RBI	Left on bases	Stolen bases	Fielding average	Double plays	Errors	Compl. games pitched	Shutout Wins	Shutout Defeats	One run wins	One run Defeats	Longest winning streak	Longest losing streak
L. A. Dodgers	.257	705	670	1360	196**	46	148	157	2092	665	1126	84*	.981*	154	114*	43	W-13	L-6*	31	21	7* games 6/22-6/28	5* games 5/13-5/18
Milw. Braves	.265	724	623	1426	216	36	177*	128**	2245	684	1104	41	.979	138	127	69*	W-17*	L-7	20	25	7* games 9/6-9/12	7 games 7/14-7/21
S. F. Giants	.261	705	613*	1377	239	35	167	139	2187	659	1082	81	.974	118**	152	52	W-12	L-8	19	19	4** games 7/5-7/11 7/30-8/2	5 games 9/19-9/23
Pitts. Pirates	.263	651	680	1414	230	42	112**	134	2064	617	1109	32**	.975	165*	154**	48	W-7	L-15	36*	18*	5 games 5/21-5/24 7/4-7/10 8/26-8/30	9** games 7/21-7/29
Chicago Cubs	.249	673	688	1321	209	44	163	152	2107	636	1085	32**	.977	142	140	30**	W-11	L-9	23	24	5 games 6/3-6/7	7 games 7/29-8/5
Cinc. Reds	.274*	764*	738**	1448*	258*	34**	161	162*	2257*	721*	1086	65	.978	157	126	44	W-6**	L-6*	18**	28	4** games 7/29-8/4 8/13-8/15	6 games 7/4-7/11
St. L. Cards	.269	641	725	1432	244	49*	118	137	2128	605	1158	65	.975	158	146	36	W-7	L-14	26	28	4*† games 4 times	7 games 8/18-8/25
Phila. Phils	.242**	599**	725	1237**	196**	38	113	150	1848**	559**	1038	39	.973**	132	154**	54	W-8	L-16**	22	32**	5 games 7/21-7/25	8 games 5/9-5/20
N. L. Records	.319 N. Y., '30	1004 St. L., '30	379 Chic., '06	1783 Phil., '30	373 St. L., '30	129 Pitts., '12	221 N. Y., '47 Cinc., '56		2684 Chic., '30	942 St. L., '30			.983 Cinc., '58	198 L. A., '58	100 Cinc., '58	146 St. L., '04	32 Chic., '07, '09	1 Pitts., '01 Bklyn., '53			26 games N. Y., '16	19 games Bost., '96 Cinc., '14

*Denotes the best team in each category. **Denotes the worst team in each category. †5/15-5/20 6/27-6/30 7/17-7/20 8/26-8/30

NL BATTERS

AARON, HENRY

Braves (OF, R-R, 6-0, 180, 26, 6 yrs.)
G.–154 R.–116 H.–223* HR.–39 RBI.–123 Avg.–.355*
April 14—Gets 3 hits, winning run vs. Phils.
29—Hits HR, 3 1Bs in 9-3 win over Cards.
30—Beats Cards, 1-0, with HR in 9th.
May 3—Hits 2 HRs, 1B vs. Giants; batting .500.
11—Defeats Reds, 2-1, with RBI 1B in 9th.
14—Back after ankle injury, gets 3 hits, 3-run 2B in 8-7 win over Cards; batting .487.
16—RBIs 4 with 2 HRs in 6-0 rout of Dodgers.
19—22-game batting streak ends vs. Giants.
22—Hits HR, 2B, 2 1Bs in 10-5 win over Phils.
24—Gets 4 hits in 8-3 game with Phils.
30—After slump, hits HR, 1B to help top Phils.
June 2—Paces 2-0 win over Giants with 2 2Bs, 1B.
6—Collects 1000th hit in 3-for-2 day vs. L.A.
21—Hits 3 HRs, RBIs 6 to beat Giants, 13-3.
24—Smacks 3-run HR in 4-0 game with Cards.
27—Unanimously voted N.L. All-Star right-fielder.
July 3—Hits 2-run HR in 6-0 win over Pirates.
24—Ends slump with 2B, 1B, 2 RBIs in 8-0 victory over Pirates.
25—Plays third base in 3-0 win over Pirates.
Aug. 1—Hits HR, 1B in 8-1 win over Cards.
12—Hits HR, 3B in 6-4 victory over Reds.
17—After day out with wrenched back, gets 5 hits, including HR, in split with Dodgers.
29—Hits 2 HRs, 1B, in 11-4 rout of Cubs.
Sept. 4—RBIs 3 (2 2Bs, 1B) to beat Reds, 4-1.
7—Hits 2-run HR in 4-1 win over Pirates.

COMMENT—Baseball's best natural hitter of this era. Won second NL batting title, led various other departments. With eye and power, bound to win some title every year.

ADCOCK, JOE

Braves (1B, R-R, 6-4, 220, 32, 10 yrs.)
G.–115 R.–53 H.–118 HR.–25 RBI.–76 Avg.–.292
May 26—Hits HR with 2 on in 13th to end Haddix no-hitter but passes Aaron on base and gets credit only for 2B as Braves win, 1-0.
29—Beats Phils, 6-5, with infield hit off first pitch of intended intentional pass in 9th.
June 30—RBIs 2 with HR, sac. fly as Braves beat Giants, 4-1, to take NL lead.
July 3—Hits 2-run HR in 6-0 win over Pirates.
24—RBIs 3 with HR, 1B; Braves top Pirates, 8-0.
26—Defeats Pirates, 2-1, with 2-run HR.
Aug. 11—Hits 2 HRs, 2 2Bs, 1B against Reds.
25—Gets 3 hits, winning RBI in 10th vs. Cards.
Sept. 7—RBIs 2, with 2B, 1B, to beat Pirates.

COMMENT—Inconsistent but always dangerous. Hits the ball as far as anyone in the game.

ALOU, FELIPE

Giants (OF, R-R, 6-1, 190, 24, 2 yrs.)
G.–95 R.–38 H.–68 HR.–10 RBI.–33 Avg.–.275
April 12—Beats Cards, 6-3, on 2-run HR in 9th.
19—Gets 3 hits in 3-1 victory over Cards.
22—Gets 3 hits as Giants down Dodgers, 6-3.
24—Gets 3 hits, makes saving throw to plate in 9th as Giants top Cubs, 4-3, in 11th.
May 4—Hits HR in 6-5 victory over Reds.
Sept. 2—Hits HR as Giants down Cubs, 4-3.

COMMENT—Speed, power, good glove and arm make him a bright prospect but must do better against righty pitching to play regularly.

ALTMAN, GEORGE

Cubs (OF, L-R, 6-4, 200, 27, 1 yr.)
G.–135 R.–54 H.–103 HR.–12 RBI.–47 Avg.–.245
April 30—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 3-2 win over Reds.
May 5—Decides 6-3 game with Pirates with HR.
June 4—His 3B sets up run that beats Phils, 3-2.
9—Gets 4 hits in 8-4 victory over Reds.
Aug. 13—RBIs 5 on 2 HRs, 3 1Bs as Cubs get 19 hits, 5 HRs in 20-9 rout of Giants.
Sept. 21—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs in 12-3 win.
22—Beats Giants, 5-4, with 2-run HR in 9th.

COMMENT—Showed promise as rookie. His all-field power gives him a good chance.

ANDERSON, GEORGE

Phillies (2B, R-R, 5-9, 168, 26, 1 yr.)
G.–152 R.–42 H.–104 HR.–0 RBI.–34 Avg.–.218
April 10—Obtained in winter deal with Dodgers, beats Reds, 2-1, with RBI 1B in 8th.
July 26—Gets 3 hits, SB in 6-3 win over Reds.

COMMENT—Flashy in field, won regular job as rookie but light hitting threatens his status.

ANDERSON, HARRY

Phillies (OF, L-R, 6-3, 195, 28, 3 yrs.)
G.–142 R.–50 H.–122 HR.–14 RBI.–63 Avg.–.240
April 26—His 2 2Bs, 2 1Bs help beat Pirates.
May 3—Beats Cubs, 5-4, with RBI 1B in 8th.
June 7—Hits HR, 3B, 1B in 11-9 win over Cards.
19—His HR in 7th settles 7-4 game with Giants.
July 17—Beats Dodgers, 3-2, with HR in 7th.
Aug. 4—Beats Cubs, 2-1, with 2-run 2B in 8th.
27—Beaned by McCormick of Giants.
Sept. 11—Beats McCormick, 1-0, with 1B in 7th.

COMMENT—Disappointed Phils after big (.301-23 HRs) 1958 season. Young enough to rebound.

ASHBURN, RICHIE

Phils, (OF, L-R, 5-11, 170, 33, 12 yrs.)
G.–153 R.–86 H.–150 HR.–1 RBI.–20 Avg.–.266
May 8—Gets 3 hits, 2 RBIs in 8-1 rout of Pirates.
June 3—Gets 3 hits in 4-2 victory over Cubs.
6—Hits 3B, 2B, 2 1Bs in 4-3 win over Cards.
July 1—Beats Pirates, 1-0, with RBI 1B in 3rd.
22—Gets 4 hits to pace 11-4 win over Pirates.
Aug. 18—Beats Cards, 2-1, with 1st RBI of month.
Sept. 17—Gets 3 hits in 5-2 win over Cubs to tie Ed Delehanty's Philly record of 2211 hits.
19—Breaks Delehanty mark with 1B vs. Braves.

COMMENT—NL batting champ in 1955 and 1958 and one of great modern hitmakers, his sharp skid was alarming. Is he through? He shouldn't be. Lots of speed left, invariably leads both leagues in outfield putouts.

AVERILL, EARL

Cubs (IF-OF-C, R-R, 5-10, 190, 28, 3 yrs.)
G.–74 R.–22 H.–44 HR.–10 RBI.–34 Avg.–.237
Jan. 24—Obtained from Indians for Briggs, Bolger.
April 11—His RBI 2B settles 6-1 game with L. A.
May 10—Hits HR each game of split with Cards.
29—Hits HR, 1B as Cubs down Dodgers, 9-4.
July 12—Hits 3-run HR in 7-6 win over Phils.
22—Hits grand slam to beat Dodgers, 7-2.

COMMENT—A valuable handyman.

AVILA, BOB

Braves (IF, R-R, 5-10, 175, 33, 11 yrs.)
G.–51 R.–29 H.–41 HR.–3 RBI.–19 Avg.–.238
April 9—In right field for Orioles, who got him in a winter deal with Indians.
May 21—Sold to Red Sox by Orioles.
July 9—RBIs 4, on 2 HRs, 1B to beat Yankees.
21—Sold to Braves by Red Sox.
22—In NL debut, beats Reds with 2-run HR.
Aug. 13—Gets 4 hits in 9-8 loss to Reds.
28—Gets 3 hits in 9-3 rout of Cubs.
Sept. 9—Hits grand slam HR to beat Cards, 5-3.
26—His force grounder in 8th knocks in run that beats Phils, 3-2.

COMMENT—Too limited on defense to play regularly any more and no longer the hitter he was but still packs a sting.

BAILEY, ED

Reds (C, L-R, 6-2, 205, 29, 7 yrs.)
G.–121 R.–43 H.–100 HR.–12 RBI.–40 Avg.–.264
April 14—Beats Pirates, 3-2, with 2-run HR.
June 24—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 5-0 win.
July 3—Hits 2-run HR as Reds down Phils, 6-1.
July 10—Hits 2 HRs but Reds lose to Giants.
Sept. 5—Gets 3 hits to pave 5-1 win.
9—Beats Cubs with 10th-inning pinch 1B, hits 2-run HR in second victory.

COMMENT—Has yet to match his big 1956 year but still ranks as one of the better NL catchers.

BANKS, ERNIE

Cubs (SS, R-R, 6-1, 180, 29, 7 yrs.)
G.–155† R.–97 H.–179 HR.–45 RBI.–143* Avg.–.304
April 14—Beats Giants, 5-2, with 2 HRs, 4 RBIs.
30—Beats Reds, 3-2, with HR in 10th.
May 13—Hits grand slam in 10-0 win over Reds.
17—His 2-run HR helps beat Pirates, 7-6.
20—Hits 3-run HR, 2B in 7-5 win over Phils.
June 6—Hits 2 3Bs as Cubs top Pirates, 8-2.
7—Hits 2-run homer, beats Pirates, 4-2.
9—RBIs 3 in 8-4 win over Reds with HR, sac. fly.
12—Paces 9-7 win over Braves with HR, 2 1Bs.
14—Hits 200th HR in 6-0 rout of Braves.
25—Wallops No. 20 in 6-2 victory over Reds.
27—Named shortstop on N.L. All-Star team.
July 2—Hits 3-run HR in 10-4 win over Giants.
11—Beats Phils, 5-1, with HR, 3B, 3 RBIs.
16—Clouts No. 25 in 4-2 win over Braves.
29—Hits 2 HRs but Cubs lose to Braves, 8-5.
Aug. 5—Gets No. 30, 100th RBI in loss to Phils.
7—Wallops No. 31 in 4-0 victory over Pirates.
12—Paces 11-8 win over Dodgers with HR, 2B.
16—Hits 2-run HR in 5-4 victory over Giants.
29—Wallops grand slam in 11-4 loss to Braves.
Sept. 6—Beats Dodgers, 3-0, with 3-run HR.
13—RBIs 5, hits No. 41 in 8-0 win over Cards.
21—Gets HR, 3B, 2 1Bs in 12-3 rout of Cards.
23—Hits No. 45, 2 1Bs in 9-8 victory over Giants.
Nov. 4—Named NL MVP.

COMMENT—Top clutch hitter in league, retained RBI title and lost HR crown when Mathews hit one in play-off. Note how he plagued contenders.

BELL, GUS

Reds (OF, L-R, 6-2, 196, 31, 10 yrs.)
G.–148 R.–59 H.–170 HR.–19 RBI.–115 Avg.–.293
April 29—Gets HR, 2 1Bs in 18-8 rout of Cubs.
May 18—Ties Dodgers with HR and Reds win.
26—Leads 2-1 victory over Phils with 3 hits.
June 11—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 8-0 win over Cubs.
21—Hits 3-run pinch HR in 17-3 rout of LA.
30—Hits 3-run HR as Reds beat Braves, 8-5.
July 2—Beats Phils, 8-4, with 4 RBIs on HR, 2B.
12—His RBI 1B in 9th tops Dodgers, 4-3.
13—RBIs 4 on 2B, 3 1Bs in 13-5 win over LA.
15—Gets 5 hits (2 2Bs) in 11-5 game with Cards.
Aug. 14—Beats Phils, 5-4, with 1B in 8th.
16—Gets 2 HRs, 4 RBIs in 8-5 loss to Phils.
18—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 7-0 win over Giants.
Sept. 10—Gets 4 hits in 6-3 loss to Cubs.
14—RBIs 3 on 2 2Bs, 1B in 7-4 win over Dodgers.
26—Beats Pirates, 7-6, with RBI 1B in 9th.

COMMENT—Rallied from dull 1958 season to reach new high in RBIs. A good run-producer.

BLASINGAME, DON

Cards (2B, L-R, 5-10, 160, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.–150 R.–90 H.–178 HR.–1 RBI.–24 Avg.–.289
May 22—Gets 3 hits, scores in 14th to top Cubs.
June 9—Gets 3 hits as Cards down Braves, 12-3.
16—Gets 3 hits in 9-1 victory over Phils.
27—Gets 3 hits in 5-0 victory over Reds.
28—Gets 3 hits again as Cards beat Reds, 11-8.
July 19—Gets 4 hits in 9-5 victory over Braves.
Aug. 5—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 3-0 win over Pirates.

COMMENT—Brilliant afield, has improved steadily as hitter. Lacks only power.

BOUCHEE, ED

Phils (1B, L-L, 6-1, 210, 27, 4 yrs.)
G.–136 R.–75 H.–142 HR.–15 RBI.–74 Avg.–.285
April 18—Gets 3 hits in 14-4 rout of Reds.
May 3—Gets 3B, 2 2Bs, 2 1Bs in split with Cubs.
5—Hits bases-filled 1B in rally that beats Cards.
23—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 4-2 victory over Braves.
June 3—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 4-2 win.
19—Hits HR, 2B as Phils down Cubs, 8-7.
July 18—Beats Dodgers, 5-2, with 2-run HR.
19—Beats L.A. again, 3-2, with 2-run 2B.
29—Hits HR in 3-1 victory over Giants.
Aug. 5—Beats Cubs, 6-4, with 2B in 9th.
9—Hits grand slam in 8-3 victory over Cards.
14—Gets 4 hits in 15-13 loss to Reds.
27—Leads 7-3 win over Giants with HR, 3B.
Sept. 2—Hits 2 2Bs in 11-5 win over Braves.
4—Decides 3-0 win over Pirates with 2B in 6th.

COMMENT—A productive hitter with power.

BOYER, KEN

Cards (3B, R-R, 6-2, 195, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.–149 R.–86 H.–174 HR.–28 RBI.–94 Avg.–.309
April 17—His HR settles 4-1 game with Giants.
18—Hit by Sanford pitch, fingers badly bruised.
May 5—Back in line-up, RBIs 3 with 2B, 2 3Bs in 8-7 loss to Phils.
9—Hits grand slam, 2B in 11-1 rout of Cubs.
23—Beats Cubs, 5-1, with 2-run HR.
June 9—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B in 12-3 rout of Braves.
25—Beats Braves, 3-2, on RBI 1B in 7th.
July 14—Gets 3 hits as Cards nip Phils, 6-5.
18—Beats Braves, 6-5, with 2-out 1B in 9th.
30—Paces 1-0 win over Reds with 2B, 2 1Bs.
Aug. 2—Gets 4 hits, scores run that beats Braves.
8—Beats Phils, 5-4, with 1B in 11th.
27—Beats Braves, 5-4, with sac. fly, 3-run HR.
Sept. 1—Hits HR as Cards down Dodgers, 3-0.
3—Beats Dodgers again, 5-3, with 3-run HR.
12—Caps 29-game batting streak with 2-run HR, 3B in 6-4 victory over Cubs.

COMMENT—Had top season of career. Big, fast, strong, he's one of best at his position.

BRANDT, JACKIE

Giants (OF, R-R, 5-11, 170, 26, 3 yrs.)
G.–137 R.–63 H.–116 HR.–12 RBI.–57 Avg.–.270
April 10—Beats Cards, 6-5, with 2B in 9th.
21—Hits 3-run HR but Giants bow to Dodgers.
22—Gets 3 hits in 6-3 victory over Dodgers.
26—Beats Cubs, 3-2, with 7th-inning HR.
May 11—Gets 3 hits in 14-4 rout of Pirates.
June 10—Gets 4 hits as Giants down Pirates.
26—Hits grand slam HR in 8-0 victory over Phils.
28—Hits HR, makes 2 great catches in win vs. Phils.
July 16—Hits 1B, scores run that beats Phils.
Aug. 27—Gets 4 hits in 6-3 victory over Reds.
Sept. 2—Beats Cubs, 4-3, with HR in 9th.

COMMENT—Didn't hit up to best past standard but still rates as a fine young player. Traded with two rookies to Orioles for O'Dell and Loes.

BRESSOUD, ED

Giants (SS, R-R, 6-1, 175, 27, 4 yrs.)
G.–104 R.–36 H.–79 HR.–9 RBI.–26 Avg.–.251
July 10—Installed at short after Rodgers fails, gets 3 hits in 8-6 victory over Reds.
11—Hits HR, 2 2Bs as Giants down Reds, 5-3.
31—Hits HR in 4-3 game with Pirates.
Aug. 6—Hits 3-run HR, 2B in 7-1 win.
21—Gets 3 hits in 10-6 victory over Phils.
Sept. 5—Hits HR as Giants edge Cards, 3-2.
27—Makes 1st error in 43 games as season ends.

COMMENT—Did best work of career and may be ready to take over as a set regular.

BRUTON, BILL

Braves (OF, L-R, 6-½, 170, 30, 7 yrs.)
G.–133 R.–72 H.–138 HR.–6 RBI.–41 Avg.–.289
April 10—Gets 3 hits, 3 RBIs in 8-0 win over Bucs.
22—Hits HR in 2-0 victory over Phils.
29—Hits HR, 1B as Braves down Cards, 9-3.
May 13—Beats Cards, 3-2, with HR in 8th.
June 7—Gets 4 hits in 8-2 win over Dodgers.
19—Hits HR in 10th but Giants rally to win.
July 5—Gets 3 hits to lead 5-0 win over Phils.
Aug. 2—RBIs 6 on 2 3Bs to beat Cards, 11-5.
Sept. 17—Gets 4 hits but Braves lose to Giants.

COMMENT—Had best average since 1952 but still suffers from 1957-58 knee injury.

BURGESS, SMOKY

Pirates (C, L-R, 5-8, 180, 33, 10 yrs.)
G.–114 R.–41 H.–112 HR.–11 RBI.–59 Avg.–.297
Jan. 31—Traded by Reds to Pirates with Haddix and Hoak for Thomas.
April 18—Hits 3-run HR in 11-5 win.
24—His 2-run HR marks rally that beats Phils.
25—Gets 4 hits as Pirates down Phils, 4-2.
May 13—Gets 3 hits in 6-4 victory over Dodgers.
24—Beats Reds, 5-4, with pinch 1B in 10th.
31—Hits 2 HRs in 6-2 victory over Reds.
July 21—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B in 7-6 win over Phils.
Aug. 6—Gets 5 hits, 6 RBIs in 18-2 rout of Cards.
28—Paces 9-0 win over Phils with HR, 3 1Bs.
29—Hits 2 HRs, 1B in 11-1 victory over Phils.

COMMENT—Has shortcomings as a receiver but mighty hard to shave at bat.

CEPEDA, ORLANDO

Giants (1B-3B-OF, R-R, 6-2, 200, 22, 2 yrs.)
G.–151 R.–92 H.–192 HR.–27 RBI.–105 Avg.–.317
April 11—RBIs 4 with 2 2Bs to beat Cards, 5-2.
15—Hits 2 HRs to lead 7-1 victory over Cubs.
24—His 1B in 11th sets up 4-3 win over Cubs.
May 16—After being benched for slump, hits HR, RBIs 4 to pace 9-2 triumph over Reds.
24—Hits HR, 3B, 1B in 6-1 victory over Dodgers.
June 4—RBIs 7 with 2 HRs, bases-filled 2B, 1B to beat Braves, 11-5.
9—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 6-2 victory over Pirates.
27—Named first baseman on N.L. All-Stars.
28—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 6-0 victory over Phils.
July 10—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 8-6 win over Reds.
30—Shifts to third base with recall of McCovey, but soon moves to left field.
Aug. 1—Goes 3-for-3, steals 3, in win over Bucs.
9—Beats Reds, 4-3, with 10th-inning HR.
19—Hits 2 HRs in 5-2 loss to Braves.
Sept. 3—Gets 3 hits in 8-5 win over Cubs.
7—Beats Cards, 4-2, with his third 1B in 6th.
13—Scores after 1B to beat Phils, 1-0.

COMMENT—Brilliant sophomore year stamps him as prospective super-star. Big, strong, fast and hits with power to all fields.

CIMOLI, GINO

Cards (OF, R-R, 6-2, 190, 30, 4 yrs.)
G.–143 R.–61 H.–145 HR.–8 RBI.–72 Avg.–.279
April 10—Obtained from Dodgers in exchange for Moon, opens season in center field for Cards.
22—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 8-2 victory over Cubs.
May 22—Beats Cubs, 3-2, with 2B in 14th.
28—Hits 3B, 2 2Bs, RBIs 4 in 11-8 win over Reds.
July 3—RBIs 2 to pace 3-2 victory over LA.
10—Gets 3 hits as Cards down Phils, 9-7.
24—Beats Dodgers, 2-1, with RBI 1B in 8th.
Sept. 27—Beats Giants, 2-1, with RBI 1B in 8th.

COMMENT—With regular play, approached his Brooklyn form of 1957.

CLEMENTE, BOB

Pirates (OF, R-R, 5-11, 175, 25, 5 yrs.)
G.–105 R.–60 H.–128 HR.–4 RBI.–50 Avg.–.296
April 25—Scores from 1st on 1B in win over Phils.
May 2—Beats Cards, 2-1, with 3rd 1B in 9th.
9—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs in 9-1 victory over Phils.
12—Beats Cards, 6-5, with 4th hit in 12th.
23—Laid up with elbow injury; out a month.
July 12—Back, beats Cards with hit in 10th.
Aug. 8—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 4-3 victory over Cubs.
9—Beats Cubs, 5-3, with RBI 1B in 10th.
12—Beats Phils, 6-2, with bases-filled 3B.
23—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 victory over Dodgers.
Sept. 16—Raps 5 hits in split with Cubs.
20—Gets 3 hits in 10-1 rout of Reds.

COMMENT—Solid all-round player who lacks only long-ball power to reach heights.

COVINGTON, WES

Braves (OF, L-R, 6-1, 205, 28, 4 yrs.)
G.–103 R.–38 H.–104 HR.–7 RBI.–45 Avg.–.279
April 11—Saves 4-3 win over Pirates with throw to plate in 9th that cuts off tying run.
14—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 victory over Phils.
29—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 9-3 win over Cards.
May 6—Beats Dodgers, 5-4, with pinch 1B.
19—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 8-1 rout of Giants.
27—Gets 2 2Bs, 1B in 4-3 victory over Pirates.
31—Beats Phils, 2-1, with 2-run HR.
Aug. 20—Back in action after lay-up with bad knee, injures ankle in slide vs. Giants.

COMMENT—A slashing, power-hitter when sound but has recurrent leg trouble.

CRANDALL, DEL

Braves (C, R-R, 6-1½, 192, 30, 9 yrs.)
G.–150 R.–65 H.–133 HR.–21 RBI.–72 Avg.–.257
April 11—Hits HR as Braves down Pirates, 4-3.
21—Gets 3 hits in 7-4 victory over Reds.
22—Wins 2-0 game with Phils with 1B in 7th.
May 11—RBIs 3 on 2 2Bs in 8-1 rout of Cubs.
14—Gets 3 hits in 8-7 victory over Cards.
17—Hits HR, 3 1Bs in 8-3 win over Dodgers.
June 11—Whacks 3-run HR as Braves down Cards, 8-0.
23—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B in 9-5 win over Cards.
27—Named catcher on N.L. All-Star team.
28—Beats Cubs, 2-1, with RBI 1B in 4th.
July 27—Hits 2-run 1B in 5-2 win over Bucs.
Aug. 4—Hits 2-run HR as Braves top Giants.
19—Hits HR to put Braves ahead in win over Giants.
22—Hits 3-run homer in 7-0 win over Cubs.
Sept. 14—Beats Dodgers, 4-1, with 2-run HR.
16—RBIs 1st score of 2-0 victory over Giants.
19—RBIs 5, with grand slam, sac. fly vs. Phils.

COMMENT—Best catcher in N.L., perhaps in majors, last 3 years. Smooth receiver and dangerous hitter, with long-ball power.

CUNNINGHAM, JOE

Cards (1B-OF, L-L, 6-1, 183, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.—144 R.—65 H.—158 HR.—7 RBI.—60 Avg.—.345
May 6—His 3-run pinch 2B helps beat Phils.
June 27—Named on N.L. All-Star team as spare.
28—Hits 3B, 2B in 11-8 win over Reds.
July 14—His 4th hit beats Reds, 6-5, in 11th.
17—Hits RBIs 2B, scores as Cards top Braves.
30—Beats Reds, 1-0, with RBI 1B.
Aug. 5—Paces 3-0 win over Bucs with 2 1Bs, SF.
27—Gets 3B, 2B, 2 1Bs in 5-4 win over Braves.
Sept. 3—Hassles with LA's Drysdale after HBP.
19—Beats Cubs, 2-1, with RBI 1B in 5th.

COMMENT—A busy hitter, with some power, who gave Aaron a battle for NL title in stretch. In Cards' set-up, having trouble getting steady work despite his established bat.

DARK, ALVIN

Cubs (3B, R-R, 5-11½, 180, 37, 13 yrs.)
G.—136 R.—60 H.—126 HR.—6 RBI.—45 Avg.—.264
April 16—Gets 3 hits as Cubs rout Giants, 11-3.
May 8—Gets 3 hits in 3-2 win over Cards.
13—Hits 3B, 2 1Bs in 10-0 rout of Reds.
July 2—Hits 2-run HR, 1B, in rout of Giants.
16—Makes freak DP, without catching or throwing ball vs. Braves; Lopata crashed into him and was called out for interference, along with Logan.
Aug. 11—Hits HR in 10th to tie Dodgers; Cubs win.
Sept. 4—Beats Giants, 2-1, with 2 RBI 1Bs.

COMMENT—One of best at peak, is slowing down. But still a winning player and leader, who produces in clutch, at bat and in field.

DAVENPORT, JIM

Giants (3B, R-R, 5-11, 170, 25, 2 yrs.)
G.—123 R.—65 H.—121 HR.—6 RBI.—38 Avg.—.258
April 12—Gets 3 hits as Giants top Cards, 6-3.
18—Leads 8-1 rout of Phils with 3 hits.
19—Goes 3-for-3 in 3-1 triumph over Phils.
May 1—Hits HR in 6-4 victory over Braves.
4—Whacks 3-run 2B in 6-5 victory over Reds.
June 1—Gets 3 hits as Giants rout Braves, 11-2.
6—Has another 3-hit in 13-3 win over Reds.
17—RBIs 2 on HR, 1B as Giants edge Reds, 7-5.
29—Beats Dodgers, 6-4, in 13th with 2nd HR.
July 22—Paces 6-1 win over Cards with 2B, 1B.
Aug. 9—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 victory over Reds.
17—Injures knee crashing into Bailey of Reds.
15—Returns to line-up in 13-6 win over Reds.
17—RBIs 4 with HR, 1B, SF in rout of Braves.

COMMENT—Close observers say his stretch absence hurt Giants more than pitching collapse. Great fielder and stinging hitter, despite low average.

DEMETER, DON

Dodgers (OF, R-R, 6-4, 190, 24, 3 yrs.)
G.—139 R.—55 H.—95 HR.—18 RBI.—70 Avg.—.256
April 12—Beats Cubs, 5-3, with 2-run HR in 7th.
15—Hits HR as Dodgers beat Cards, 5-0.
16—RBIs 3 with HR, 2B, 1B in 7-3 win over Cards.
21—Hits 3 HRs, for 6 RBIs, to beat Giants, 9-7.
May 3—Gets 3 hits as Dodgers down Reds, 7-1.
4—Clouts 2-run HR in 5-3 triumph over Braves.
31—His 2 hits, 2 RBIs pace 5-3 win over Cards.
June 11—RBIs 5 with 2 HRs, 2 1Bs vs. Phils.
12—Hits 2-run HR as Dodgers down Bucs, 9-6.
July 11—Hits 2-run HR in 7-5 win over Braves.
Sept. 23—Gets 2-run 2B in 3-0 game with Cards.

COMMENT—His blazing start kept Dodgers in flag chase. Tailed off later but at last seems set as a big-leaguer. Has power, speed and glove to be a star if he hits enough.

FAIRLY, RON

Dodgers (OF, L-L, 5-10, 175, 21, 2 yrs.)
G.—118 R.—27 H.—58 HR.—4 RBI.—23 Avg.—.238
May 19—Gets 3 hits in 6-4 win over Reds.
31—Hits HR in 9th to beat Cards, 7-6.
Aug. 1—Gets 2-run pinch 1B in 5-3 win over Phils.

COMMENT—Served Dodgers well as part-timer in first full season. A solid all-around player who, with experience, should develop. Saw more service and gained stature but still has way to go to rate as regular.

FREESE, GENE

Phils (3B, R-R, 5-10, 175, 26, 5 yrs.)
G.—132 R.—60 H.—107 HR.—23 RBI.—70 Avg.—.268
April 18—Hits pinch grand-slam in rout of Reds.
23—Ties Braves with 2-run pinch HR; Phils win.
May 11—Hits 3rd pinch HR in loss to Dodgers.
22—Hits another pinch HR as Braves beat Phils.
25—Hits 2-run pinch 2B in 7-3 win over Braves.
31—Spoils Spahn shutout with 5th pinch homer.
June 14—RBIs 6 in sweep against Giants.
July 2—Hits grand slam as Phils top Reds, 7-6.
9—Raps third grand slam, 2 1Bs in rout of Cards.
21—Hits 2 2Bs in 4-2 win over Pirates.
28—Beats Giants, 3-2, with HR in 8th.
29—Beats Giants again, 3-1, with HR.
Aug. 11—Beats Pirates, 6-4, with 2-run HR.
Sept. 2—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 11-5 rout of Braves.
25—RBIs 4 with HR, SF as Phils top Braves, 6-3.

COMMENT—A rough customer with stick, specially in clutch. May have won permanent regular job.

FURILLO, CARL

Dodgers (OF, R-R, 6-0, 200, 38, 14 yrs.)
G.—50 R.—8 H.—27 HR.—0 RBI.—13 Avg.—.290
April 26—Gets 4 hits as Dodgers top Cards.
May 7—Hit by Duren of Yanks in Campanella benefit game, suffers broken wrist.
Sept. 2—Hits 2-run pinch HR in 9-6 win over Giants.
29—His infield 1B in 12th brings run that beats Braves for flag.

COMMENT—Sidelined by injuries for most of season and beyond age for every day play, but still a dangerous hitter and sound fielder.

GILLIAM, JIM

Dodgers (IF-OF, SW-R, 5-11½, 180, 31, 7 yrs.)
G.—145 R.—91 H.—156 HR.—3 RBI.—34 Avg.—.282
May 20—Gets 3 hits in 8-4 victory over Reds.
June 6—Gets 4 hits as Dodgers top Braves, 3-2.
12—Gets 4 hits again, in 9-6 win over Pirates.
17—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 10-2 rout of Braves.
30—Spoils Jones' no-hitter with scratch hit.
July 25—Added to N.L. All-Star squad.
12—Gets 4 hits, SB but Cubs win again.
Sept. 17—His HR helps beat Reds, 4-3.
19—Hits 2-run 2B in 5-3 win over Cards.
27—Hits 2-run HR as Dodgers beat Cubs, 9-1, to tie Braves for pennant.

COMMENT—An invaluable Dodger handyman, now seems set at third base.

GRAMMAS, ALEX

Cards (SS, R-R, 6-0, 175, 31, 6 yrs.)
G.—131 R.—43 H.—99 HR.—3 RBI.—30 Avg.—.269
April 10—Obtained from Reds in October deal, starts at short, gets 3 hits in loss to Giants.
22—RBIs 4 with HR, 2 SFs in 8-2 win over Cubs.
May 7—Goes 3-for-3 in 4-3 victory over Cubs.
Aug. 14—Beats Dodgers, 2-1, with pinch 1B.
Sept. 1—Hits HR in 3-0 triumph over Dodgers.
6—Beats Giants, 1-0, with sac. bunt.

COMMENT—Did well as Card regular after 3 years of bench warming in Cincinnati.

GROAT, DICK

Pirates (SS, R-R, 6-0, 175, 29, 6 yrs.)
G.—147 R.—74 H.—163 HR.—5 RBI.—51 Avg.—.275
April 26—Gets grand slam, 3 1Bs in rout of Phils.
May 31—Back in line-up after benching, gets 6 hits in double victory over Reds.
June 4—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs as Bucs down Cards, 9-3.
19—His 3 RBIs pace 6-0 win over Cards.
July 2—Beats Braves, 4-3, with bases-full 1B.
4—Hits 2 3Bs, 1B in 4-3 game with Reds; Bucs win when he's safe at plate on reversal.
14—Gets 2 2Bs, 1B in 9-1 rout of Dodgers.
Aug. 9—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 5-3 win over Cubs.
20—Hits 3B, 1B in 3-1 victory over Cards.
24—Hits 3B, 2 1Bs in 6-0 win over Giants.
29—Gets 4 hits as Bucs swamp Phils, 11-1.
Sept. 20—Gets 4 hits in 10-1 rout of Reds.

COMMENT—Rallied from poor start to have fair season. Bucs suffered from his early lapse.

HOAK, DON

Pirates (3B, R-R, 6-1, 170, 32, 6 yrs.)
G.—155† R.—60 H.—166 HR.—8 RBI.—65 Avg.—.294
Jan. 31—Traded by Reds to Pirates with Haddix and Burgess for Thomas and three others.
May 21—Gets 3 hits in 7-2 win over Cards.
31—Hits 3 HRs, 3 1Bs in sweep over Reds.
June 8—Gets 3 hits as Bucs beat Giants, 12-9.
11—Gets 3 hits in another 12-9 win over Giants.
13—Beats Dodgers, 5-3, with 2-run 1B.
16—Gets 3-hits, 2 RBIs in 5-2 win over Cubs.
Aug. 1—Has fracas with Spencer of Giants.
15—RBIs 4 on 2 1Bs in 10-8 win over Braves.

COMMENT—Snapped back to 1957 form in new locale. A fine fielder and hits with sting.

HODGES, GIL

Dodgers (1B, R-R, 6-1½, 200, 36, 14 yrs.)
G.—124 R.—57 H.—114 HR.—25 RBI.—80 Avg.—.276
April 26—RBIs 5 on 3 hits in win over Cards.
May 4—Hits 2 HRs, 2 2Bs in win over Braves.
7—Beats Giants, 2-1, with 2-run HR; hurts back.
22—Beats Giants, 2-1, with 1B in 13th.
25—Raps 2 2-run HRs in 8-2 win over Giants.
30—His HR in 9th ties Giants; Dodgers win.
June 17—Gets 3 hits 4-0 win over Braves.
22—RBIs 3 in 6-2 victory over Phils.
25—Takes 11th place on all-time HR list by hitting No. 332, in win over Phils.
July 19—Hits 3-run HR in 8-4 win over Phils.
20—Raps 2-run HR in 3-2 victory over Giants.
21—Beats Giants, 1-0, with 2B in 9th.
23—Hits 2-run HR in win over Cubs but strains right knee ligaments; out 4 weeks.
Aug. 24—RBIs 5 vs. Phils on HR, 2 1Bs.
Sept. 9—Beats Phils, 1-0, with RBI 1B in 9th.
25—Beats Cubs, 5-4, with HR in 11th.
29—Scores run in 12th that wins pennant from Braves.

COMMENT—Despite injuries, had fine year. His clutch hits against Giants were big factor in pennant victory. A great gloveman at first and one of the top career home run hitters.

JONES, WILLIE

Reds (3B, R-R, 6-1, 192, 34, 13 yrs.)
G.—130 R.—57 H.—105 HR.—14 RBI.—56 Avg.—.255
April 17—Hits HR, 1B for Phils in win over Reds.
26—Leads 10-5 win over Bucs with HR, 1B.
May 1—Hits HR as Phils top Cubs, 4-2.
June 5—Goes to Indians in trade for Bolger.
July 1—Sold to Reds by Indians.
23—Hits grand slam as Reds down Braves, 6-2.
Aug. 8—Gets 3 hits in 9-6 win over Giants.
Sept. 2—Beats Bucs, 6-3, with 3-run HR in 8th.

COMMENT—Slowed down in field by injuries, not likely to play regularly any more. But his power makes him a useful spare.

KIRKLAND, WILLIE

Giants (OF, L-R, 6-1, 206, 26, 2 yrs.)
G.—126 R.—64 H.—126 HR.—22 RBI.—68 Avg.—.272
April 10—Hits HR as Giants beat Cards, 6-5.
May 2—Hits 2 HRs in 8-5 win over Braves.
June 9—Gets 3 hits as Giants down Pirates, 6-2.
10—Raps HR, 2B, 1B in 11-7 win over Bucs.
11—Hits 2 HRs but Giants lose to Pirates, 12-9.
24—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 4-3 win over Pirates.
July 3—Hits HR in 4-0 victory over Cubs.
11—Paces 5-3 win over Reds with 3 hits, SB.
Aug. 10—Beats Cards, 3-2, with RBI 2B in 9th.
11—Beats Cards again, 5-4, with RBI 2B in 10th.
21—Gets 3 hits in 10-6 win over Phils.

COMMENT—Proved big league qualifications as sophomore. Still crude in spots but has power and speed to be a fine player.

KOPPE, JOE

Phils (SS, R-R, 5-10, 165, 28, 2 yrs.)
G.—118 R.—39 H.—93 HR.—2 RBI.—31 Avg.—.283
March 31—Goes to Phillies with Conley and Hanebrink in six-player trade with Braves.
June 10—Now a regular, gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 2-1 win over Dodgers.
14—RBIs 3 on 3B, 1B in 7-5 win over Giants.
July 1—Walks, steals, scores to beat Bucs, 1-0.
3—Goes 4-for-4 in 6-1 loss to Reds.
10—Goes 4-for-4 again, with HR, but Cards win.
Aug. 16—Hits 3-run HR in 8-5 win over Reds.
Sept. 7—Gets 4 hits as Phils down Reds, 6-4.

COMMENT—Gave Phils best job at trouble shortstop spot they have had in years. With normal improvement, should hold place.

LANDRITH, HOBIE

Giants (C, L-R, 5-8, 170, 30, 10 yrs.)
G.—109 R.—30 H.—71 HR.—3 RBI.—29 Avg.—.251
June 12—Hits 2-run HR in 3-0 win over Phils.
July 4—Gets 4 hits in 10-3 rout of Cards.
Aug. 22—Hits 2-run HR in 8-1 romp against Phils.

COMMENT—Acquired from Cards as spare in Oct. 1958 deal, wound up as No. 1 Giant receiver. To hold place, will have to hit more.

LARKER, NORM

Dodgers (OF-1B, L-L, 6-0, 185, 29, 2 yrs.)
G.—108 R.—37 H.—90 HR.—8 RBI.—49 Avg.—.289
April 18—Hits 2-run HR in 8-7 win over Cubs.
May 7—Beats Giants, 2-1, with 2-run HR in 4th.
11—Beats Phils, 11-10, with pinch squeeze bunt.
June 12—Beats Pirates, 9-6, with pinch 1B.
July 9—Ties Braves with 3-run pinch HR in 3rd; Dodgers go on to win in 13th.
Aug. 20—Hits 3-run HR in 8-5 win over Reds.
Sept. 29—Gets 2-run 1B in Dodgers' 3-run tying 9th-inning rally of final play-off with Braves.

COMMENT—Solidified status by clutch batting and swing play at first and in outfield.

LOGAN, JOHN

Braves (SS, R-R, 5-11, 175, 33, 9 yrs.)
G.—138 R.—59 H.—137 HR.—13 RBI.—50 Avg.—.291
April 29—Hits 2-run HR in 9-3 win over Cards.
May 5—Gets 4 hits in 3-2 win over Dodgers.
6—Gets 3 hits as Braves top Dodgers again, 5-4.
14—Gets 3 hits in 8-7 win over Cards.
27—RBIs 2 on 3 hits in 4-3 win over Phils.
June 12—Hits 3-run HR in 9-7 loss to Cubs.
July 25—Hits HR, 2B in 3-0 win over Pirates; added to N.L. All-Star squad for second game.
26—Hits 2-run HR in 4-0 win over Pirates.
Aug. 22—Gets 3 hits in 3-2 victory over Cubs.
23—His sac. fly settles 2-0 game with Cubs.
Sept. 19—Out with foot injury, misses most of stretch drive.

COMMENT—Infield spark plug of Braves, his late absence hurt their pennant chances.

LONG, DALE

Cubs (1B, L-L, 6-4, 212, 34, 6 yrs.)
G.—110 R.—34 H.—70 HR.—14 RBI.—37 Avg.—.236
April 23—Hits HR, 1B in 6-1 win over Cards.
25—Hits HR, 1B in 5-3 victory over Giants.
May 17—Hits 2-run HR in 7-6 win over Pirates.
June 5—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 10-5 win over Bucs.
7—His 1B sets up 1-0 victory over Pirates.
July 2—Hits 2-run HR, SF in rout of Giants.
Aug. 14—Hits 2-run HR in 7-5 win over Giants.

COMMENT—Fell way off at bat. Perhaps he

will perk up under new regime.

LYNCH, JERRY

Reds (OF, L-R, 6-1, 185, 29, 6 yrs.)
G.–117 R.–49 H.–102 HR.–17 RBI.–58 Avg.–.269
April 18—Hits 3-run pinch HR in loss to Phils.
May 1—RBIs 3 on 2 HRs in 5-3 win over LA.
3—Beats Dodgers, 6-3, with 3-run HR in 9th.
July 16—Gets HR, 3 1Bs, 4 RBIs to beat Cards.
26—Beats Phils, 4-2, with 2-run HR.
Aug. 23—Beats Cards, 5-3, with 2-run HR in 8th.
Sept. 9—His pinch 1B in 10th helps beat Cubs.

COMMENT—Batting average took a drastic 40-point dip from 1958—but he may have been over his head at .312. Dangerous in clutch.

MATHEWS, ED

Braves (3B, L-R, 6-1, 200, 28, 8 yrs.)
G.–148 R.–118 H.–182 HR.–46* RBI.–114 Avg.–.306
April 10—His 2-run HR settles opener vs. Bucs.
11—Hits HR in 4-3 win over Pirates.
24—RBIs 5 on 2 HRs in 10-7 win over Reds.
May 6—Gets 3 hits in 5-4 win over Dodgers.
22—Hits 3B, 2 1Bs in 10-5 win over Phils.
27—Hits HR No. 15 in 4-3 win over Pirates.
30—Beats Phils, 4-2, with 2-run HR, 2B.
June 2—Hits HR as Braves down Giants, 3-0.
3—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs in 7-1 rout of Giants.
8—Hits No. 20 in 9-5 victory over Cubs.
12—Hits 2 HRs but Braves lose to Cubs, 9-7.
27—Named to start at third for N.L. All-Stars.
28—Hits HR in 2-1 win over Cubs.
30—Hits 3-run HR but Braves lose to Cubs, 8-5.
July 3—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 6-0 win over Bucs.
12—RBIs 4 on HR, SF as Braves down Giants.
13—RBIs 2 on HR, SF as Braves top Giants, 3-0.
Aug. 1—Hits 3-run HR (#30) in rout of Cards.
9—Hits HR in 8-7 victory over Dodgers.
Sept. 17—RBIs 6 on HR, 1B, SF but Giants win.
20—Hits HR No. 41, 2 1Bs in 8-5 win over Phils.
21—RBIs 5 on 2 HRs, one over right field roof, in 8-6 victory at Pittsburgh.
29—Hits HR #46 in final play-off with Dodgers to win N. L. title for second time.

COMMENT—Had best mark of career at bat. An improved all-around player, now in prime, should finish high on all-time HR list. With many good years ahead, already has hit 299 home runs.

MAYS, WILLIE

Giants (OF, R-R, 5-10½, 180, 28, 8 yrs.)
G.–151 R.–125 H.–180 HR.–34 RBI.–104 Avg.–.313
April 18—Hits 2 HRs in 8-1 rout of Cards after taking special instruction to end slump.
19—RBIs 2 in 3-1 victory over Cards.
May 2—Gets 4 hits in 8-5 victory over Braves.
8—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 9-5 win over Dodgers.
13—Hits 3-run HR as Giants down Phils, 6-0.
14—Hits 3-run HR again in 8-0 win over Phils.
24—Leads 6-1 win over LA with HR, 2B, 1B.
June 9—Out of action for spell with bruised leg.
11—Hits 3-run pinch HR in 12-9 loss to Bucs.
27—Named to start in center for N.L. All-Stars.
30—Beats Dodgers, 2-1, with HR, 2B, 1B, 2RBIs.
July 3—Makes 10 putouts in 4-0 win over Cubs.
5—Beats Cards, 4-2, with 2-run HR.
10—Leads win over Reds with HR, 2 1Bs, 3 SBs.
18—Beats Pirates, 4-3, with 2-run HR in 8th.
Aug. 2—Beats Pirates, 5-3, with RBI 2B in 7th.
6—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 7-1 win over Braves.
7—Beats Reds, 3-2, with 3rd hit in 9th.
8—Out for spell with injured finger.
11—His 2B, SB in 10th set up win over Cards.
15—Hits HR, scores 3 in 6-4 win over Cubs.
28—RBIs 3 on HR, 2B, 1B in 5-0 win.
Sept. 3—Hits 3-run HR in 8-5 win over Cubs.
5—Hits HR in 3-2 victory over Cards.
10—Hits 2 HRs in 5-3 loss to Pirates.
23—Hits 2 HRs but Giants lose to Cubs, 9-8.

COMMENT—Down in average but back over 100-RBI mark, Willie continued to be wonderful in many ways. Always leads the league in something. It was in steals, again, in '59. No one can touch him, all-around.

MANTILLA, FELIX

Braves (IF-OF, R-R, 6-0, 160, 25, 4 yrs.)
G.–103 R.–26 H.–54 HR.–3 RBI.–19 Avg.–.215
April 16—Gets 2 RBIs to lead 7-3 win.
Aug. 2—Hits 3-run HR, 2 1Bs in 11-5 win over Cards.
Sept. 21—Tangles with Stuart of Bucs after baseline collision.
29—His wild throw lets Hodges of Dodgers score pennant-winning run.

COMMENT—Filled in for injury-hit Braves all over. Despite unfortunate play-off boot does a good job afield but has not shown much at bat.

MAZEROSKI, BILL

Pirates (2B, R-R, 5-11, 190, 23, 4 yrs.)
G.–135 R.–50 H.–119 HR.–7 RBI.–59 Avg.–.241
April 24—Gets 3 hits in 8-5 win over Phils.
25—Hits HR, 1B in 4-2 win over Phils.
29—Beats Giants, 3-2, with HR in 7th.
May 3—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs in 4-3 win over Cards.
12—Gets 3 hits as Bucs down Cards, 6-5, in 12.
17—His 2 HRs RBI 3 in 5-4 win over Cubs.
June 3—Beats Cards, 5-3, with 2-run 2B in 8th.
23—Gets 3 hits in 5-1 victory over Giants.
July 5—Beats Reds, 3-2, with RBI 1B in 11th.
Aug. 26—Beats Giants, 5-4, with RBI 1B in 10th.
Sept. 19—Beats Reds, 3-2, with 2-run 3B in 12th.

COMMENT—Overweight in spring, never got into top shape and had dull season. Off 1958, had been rated best second baseman in league. At his age, figures to snap back. Good fielder and strong hitter.

MC COVEY, WILLIE

Giants (1B, L-L, 6-4, 200, 22, 1 yr.)
G.–52 R.–32 H.–68 HR.–13 RBI.–38 Avg.–.354
July 30—Called up from Phoenix, gets 2 3Bs, 2 1Bs in debut as Giants down Phils, 7-2.
Aug. 1—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 9-5 win over Bucs.
2—Hits 2-run HR in 5-3 win over Pirates.
5—RBIs 3 on 2 HRs as Giants beat Braves, 4-1.
15—Hits HR, 1B in 6-4 win over Cubs.
17—Beats Reds, 6-3, with pinch 1B in 8th.
Sept. 2—Hit HR in 4-3 victory over cubs.
3—Hits 2-run HR as Giants beat Cubs, 8-5.
11—Snaps 22-game streak in loss to Phils.
15—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 13-6 win over Reds.
26—Hits 2-run HR in 4-0 win over Cards.

COMMENT—Made spectacular debut. Looks like tremendous hitter but jury will remain out until he's been around a while longer.

MC MILLAN, ROY

Reds (SS, R-R, 5-11, 160, 29, 9 yrs.)
G.–79 R.–38 H.–65 HR.–9 RBI.–24 Avg.–.264
April 29—Gets 3 hits in 18-8 rout of Cubs.
May 9—Hits HR as Reds down Braves, 3-0.
June 5—Hits HR, 1B in 7-2 victory over Giants.
10—Beats Cubs, 6-4, with HR in 8th.
11—Hits 3-run HR in 8-0 rout of Cubs.
14—Breaks hand vs. Cards; out 6 weeks.
July 28—Beats Cards, 6-4, with RBI 1B in 8th.
Aug. 11—Breaks collarbone in collision with Bruton of Braves; out for season.

COMMENT—It was a rough season for baseball's No. 1 defensive shortstop. But he should come back strong. Before and between injuries showed signs of increased power at bat. His 9 HRs were a career high.

MOON, WALLY

Dodgers (OF, L-R, 6-0, 170, 30, 6 yrs.)
G.–145 R.–93 H.–164 HR.–19 RBI.–74 Avg.–.302
April 18—Gets 3B, 2B in 8-7 win over Cubs.
19—His 3rd hit sparks rally that beats Cubs.
30—RBIs 2, scores 2 in 6-4 win over Phils.
May 9—Beats Cards with RBI single in 11th.
June 9—Beats Phils, 3-2, with 2B; also hits 3B.
15—Beats Braves, 4-0, with 3-run HR, 1B.
16—Gets 3B, 2B, 2 1Bs in 5-4 loss to Braves.
17—Hits key 2B in rally that beats Braves, 4-0.
24—Beats Phils, 9-6, with 2-run HR in 6th.
27—Named to start in left for N.L. All-Stars.
July 8—Beats Braves, 4-3, with 4th hit in 13th.
23—Hits 2-run HR in 5-3 win over Cubs.
28—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B, SF in 9-4 win over Bucs.
Aug. 25—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 5-2 win over Phils.
31—Beats Giants, 5-2, with 3-run HR in 9th.
Sept. 11—Hits 3 HRS to pace sweep over Pirates.
29—Gets 3 hits as Dodgers top Braves for flag.

COMMENT—Obtained from Cards in December trade for Cimoli, bounced back from poor 1958 season and was Dodger MVP. A slashing hitter, with fair power, swift runner.

MORYN, WALT

Cubs (OF, L-R, 6-2, 210, 34, 6 yrs.)
G.–117 R.–41 H.–89 HR.–14 RBI.–48 Avg.–.234
April 17—Hits 2-run HR in win over Dodgers.
May 16—Hits HR, 1B in 3-2 victory over Pirates.
June 7—Beats Pirates, 1-0, with RBI 2B.
Aug. 14—Hits 2-run HR in 7-5 win over Giants.
Sept. 6—Beats Dodgers, 5-3, with 3-run HR.

COMMENT—Way short of best standards, in average and power. At 34, his status is threatened.

MUSIAL, STAN

Cardinals (1B-OF, L-L, 6-0, 175, 39, 18 yrs.)
G.–115 R.–37 H.–87 HR.–14 RBI.–44 Avg.–.255
April 18—Spoils Sanford's no-hitter with pinch 1B in 9th as Cards bow to Giants, 8-1.
21—Spoils Hobbie's no-hitter with 2B in 7th in 1-0 loss to Cubs.
May 7—His 400th HR beat Cubs, 4-3, in 9th.
10—RBIs 4 on HR, 2 1Bs in 10-9 loss to Cubs.
June 13—After week on bench, leads 7-0 rout of Reds with 4 RBIs on HR, 1B.
21—Hits 2 2Bs in 5-1 win over Cards to top Hans Wagner's N.L. 2B mark of 651.
Aug. 7—Beats Phils, 3-1, with 2-run HR in 9th.
8—Beats Phils, 4-3, with 2-run HR, 1B.
Sept. 20—Gets 3200nd hit, a 2-run HR, in 11-4 rout of Cubs.

COMMENT—The numbers are running out on N.L.'s greatest hitter of modern times. Convinced that he took it too easy in the spring, he plans another try. Passes record milestones with every extra-base hit.

NEAL, CHARLEY

Dodgers (2B, R-R, 28, 5-10, 163, 29, 4 yrs.)
G.–151 R.–103 H.–177 HR.–21 RBI.–83 Avg.–.287
April 20—Beats Giants, 2-1, with HR in 9th.
24—Gets 3 hits in 3-2 win over Cards.
May 11—Beats Giants, 3-2, with HR in 8th.
20—Hits 2 HRs but Dodgers lose to Reds, 7-5.
June 5—Gets 2 2Bs, 1B in 5-1 win over Braves.
26—Hits 2-run HR in 6-5 win over Pirates.
27—RBIs 2 on 2 2Bs in 3-0 win over Bucs.
July 2—Gets 3 hits in 4-0 win over Cards.
4—Beats Cubs, 5-2, with 3-run 3B.
5—RBIs 2 on HR, 1B in 4-3 victory over Cubs.
11—Hits HR, 2B, 2 1Bs in 7-5 win over Braves.
20—Beats Giants, 3-2, with HR in 9th.
Aug. 2—Hits 2-run HR in 4-3 win over Phils.
17—RBIs 2 on 2 1Bs in 4-3 win over Braves.
Sept. 11—Beats Pirates, 5-4, with 1B in 9th.
16—Hits 2 HRs, 1B but Dodgers lose to Reds.
27—Hits 2-run HR in flag-tie win over Cubs.
29—Hits HR, 3B in title victory over Braves.

COMMENT—A Dodger stalwart all season, he came through nobly in stretch drive and starred in series. Far ranging afield and a power hitter who has potential to do better.

NOREN, IRV

Cubs (1B-OF, L-L, 6-0, 195, 35, 10 yrs.)
G.–73 R.–27 H.–51 HR.–4 RBI.–19 Avg.–.311
May 19—Traded by Cards to Cubs for King.
Aug. 12—Hits HR, 3 1Bs in win over Dodgers.
25—Hits HR, 1B in 8-6 win over Reds.
26—Gets 2 2Bs in 9-5 victory over Reds.
30—Hits 2-run 1B in rally that tops Braves.
Sept. 18—Beats Phils, 4-3, with 1B in 13th.

COMMENT—A bad knee limits his service in field but still swings bat well.

PHILLEY, DAVE

Phillies (1B-OF, SW-R, 6-0, 195, 39, 15).
G.–99 R.–32 H.–74 HR.–7 RBI.–37 Avg.–.291
April 26—RBIs 5 on HR, 2B to beat Pirates.
29—Beats Dodgers, 5-4, with pinch 1B in 9th.
June 7—Gets 3 hits in 11-9 win over Cards.
27—Hits HR in rally that tops Giants, 7-4.
July 19—Gets 3B, 2B, 1B in 3-2 win over L.A.
21—RBIs 2 on HR, 2B in 4-2 win over Pirates.
Aug. 9—Beats Cards, 4-2, with pinch 1B.
Sept. 7—Beats Reds, 6-4 with 2-run HR in 9th.

COMMENT—A formidable pinch-hitter and handy part-timer who has taken a new lease on life in National League.

PINSON, VADA

Reds (OF, L-L, 5-11, 174, 21, 2 yrs.)
G.–154 R.–131* H.–205 HR.–20 RBI.–84 Avg.–.316
April 14—Hits HR, 2B in 3-2 win over Pirates.
15—RBIs 3 on HR, 3B in 10-5 win over Pirates.
May 2—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B, 1B in rout of L.A.
3—On base streak stopped at 12 after getting 5 hits, including HR, 2 2Bs in split with L.A.
18—Beats Dodgers, 9-7, with 2-run 2B in 8th.
20—Gets 3 hits in 7-5 win over Dodgers.
27—Hits HR, 3B, 2B in 10-4 rout of Phils.
June 2—Hits HR, 1B in 5-4 win over Reds.
16—Hits HR in 2-1 triumph over Giants.
27—Named to N.L. All-Stars as outfield spare.
July 15—Gets 3 hits in 11-5 win over Cards.
Aug. 1—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 12-3 rout of Cubs.
2—Beats Cubs, 2-0, with RBI and steal of home.
8—Gets 3 2Bs, 3 RBIs in 9-6 win over Giants.
13—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 9-8 win over Giants.
Sept. 2—Beats Pirates, 2-1, with 2B in 8th.
16—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 7-4 win over Dodgers.

COMMENT—A sensation in first full season. Has speed to burn, plus good power.

POST, WALLY

Phillies (OF, R-R, 6-1, 200, 30, 10 yrs.)
G.–132 R.–62 H.–119 HR.–22 RBI.–94 Avg.–.254
April 29—Hits 2 HRs in 5-4 win over Dodgers.
May 1—Hits HR in 4-2 victory over Cubs.
6—Hits 2 HRs but Phils lose to Cards, 8-7.
19—Hits 2-run pinch HR in 9th but Cubs win.
31—RBIs 3 on HR, 2 2Bs in 6-0 win over Braves.
June 27—Hits HR, 1B in 7-4 win over Giants.
July 16—Beats Giants, 6-4, with 3rd 1B.
Aug 16—Hits 2-run HR in 6-0 win over Reds.
27—Beats Giants, 2-1, with RBI 1B.
Sept. 2—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 11-5 rout of Braves.

COMMENT—Average dropped but had good RBI year. One of the strongest right-handed hitters in the league.

ROBINSON, FRANK

Reds (1B-OF, R-R, 6-1, 190, 24, 4 yrs.)
G.–146 R.–106 H.–168 HR.–36 RBI.–125 Avg.–.311
April 9—Beats Pirates, 4-1, on 2-run HR.
19—RBIs 4 on HR, 1B in 12-5 rout of Phils.
29—Gets 3 hits, HR, in 18-8 win over Cubs.
May 2—RBIs 5, hits for cycle, in rout of L.A.
5—Beats Giants, 5-2, with 3-run HR.
8—Hits 2-run 2B in 3-2 win over Braves.
27—Hits 2 HRs, 1B in 10-4 win over Phils.
June 10—Goes 4-for-4, with HR, to beat Cubs.
23—Gets 4 hits in 3-1 loss to Cubs.
27—Named to N.L. All-Stars as infield spare.
July 2—Hit 2 2Bs, 1B in 8-4 win over Phils.
5—Hits 3-run HR, 2 1Bs in 7-5 loss to Bucs.
13—Hits 2 HRs, 2B, 1B in 13-5 win over L.A.
14—Hits 3-run HR in 6-5 loss to Cards.
15—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B, SF in 11-5 rout of Cards.
Aug. 11—Hits 2-run HR in 4-3 win over Braves.
13—Hits grand slam, SF in 9-8 win over Braves.
Sept. 2—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 6-3 win over Bucs.

COMMENT—Back in stride after sub-par 1958 season, reached career high in RBIs. Gifted natural hitter with tremendous power. Figures to have long run though handicapped in field by chronic arm trouble.

ROSEBORO, JOHN

Dodgers (C, L-R, 6-0, 195, 26, 3 yrs.)
G.–118 R.–39 H.–92 HR.–10 RBI.–38 Avg.–.232
April 18—Goes 3-for-3 in 8-7 win over Cubs.
May 11—RBIs 3 in 11-10 victory over Phils.
June 3—Beats Reds, 5-1, with 2 HRs, 4 RBIs.
26—Gets HR, 1B in 6-5 win over Pirates.
July 5—Gets 3 hits, then HR, in sweep vs. Cubs.
Sept. 28—Beats Braves, 3-2, in 1st play-off game with HR in 6th.

COMMENT—Smoothed out as receiver in 2nd full season, with emphasis on throwing. Disappointed at bat, but, with speed and power, should do better. Has fine potential.

SAWATSKI, CARL

Phils (C, L-R, 5-11, 220, 32, 7 yrs.)
G.–74 R.–15 H.–58 HR.–9 RBI.–43 Avg.–.293
May 1—Beats Cubs, 4-2, with 2-run 2B.
19—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B but Cubs win, 8-7.
June 21—Spoils Buzhardt no-hitter with 1B in 3rd in 3-0 loss to Cubs.
Aug. 20—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B in 8-5 win.

COMMENT—A seasoned spare receiver who can hurt you with his power at bat. Traded to Phillies in December for Bobby Gene Smith.

SCHMIDT, BOB

Giants (C, R-R, 6-2, 195, 27, 2 yrs.)
G.–71 R.–17 H.–44 HR.–5 RBI.–20 Avg.–.243
April 10—Hits HR in 6-5 win over Cards.
May 1—Hits 3-run HR in 6-4 win over Braves.
11—RBIs 4 on 2 2Bs in 14-4 rout of Pirates.
June 8—Goes 3-for-3 in 12-9 loss to Bucs.

COMMENT—Failed to live up to rookie promise of 1958, trailing off badly at bat. Power may win him another chance.

SCHOENDIENST, RED

Braves (2B, SW-R, 6-0, 175, 37, 15 yrs.)
G.–5 R.–0 H.–0 HR.–0 RBI.–0 Avg.–.000
Sept. 1—In uniform for first time since undergoing surgery for tuberculosis after 1958 season.
2—Grounds out as pinch-hitter vs. Phils in first of several limited-duty appearances.

COMMENT—It will be a wonder if he can come back. He's determined to give it a try. One of best fielders and fine hitter in prime.

SKINNER, BOB

Pirates (OF, L-R, 6-4, 190, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.–143 R.–78 H.–153 HR.–13 RBI.–61 Avg.–.280
April 18—Hurts back against fence in Milwaukee.
May 9—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs, 2 1Bs in rout of Phils.
31—RBIs 7 with grand slam, 3-run HR vs. Reds.
June 11—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 12-9 win over Giants.
18—Beats Cubs, 4-2, with 1B in 13th.
21—RBIs 4 on 3B, 1B in 10-8 win over Giants.
23—Gets 3 hits as Pirates down Giants, 5-1.
July 30—Gets 3 hits in 5-4 win over Dodgers.
Aug. 6—Hits 4 1Bs as Pirates rout Cards, 18-2.
14—Gets 3 hits in 2-1 victory over Braves.
Sept. 13—Hits HR in 4-3 victory over Dodgers.
23—Beats Braves, 5-4, with 1B in 9th.

COMMENT—Off from 1958 peak, but continued to impress as natural hitter who will keep close to .300 level and produce long ball.

SMITH, HAL

Cardinals (C, R-R, 5-10½, 185, 28, 4 yrs.)
G.–142 R.–35 H.–122 HR.–13 RBI.–50 Avg.–.270
April 14—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 6-2 win over L.A.
May 1—RBIs 2 on 2 1Bs in 7-6 win over Pirates.
9—RBIs 5 on 2 HRS in 11-1 rout of Cubs.
29—Beats Giants, 4-2, with 2-run HR.
July 10—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 9-7 win over Phils.
9—RBIs 5 on 2 HRs in 11-1 rout of Cubs.
22—Hits grand slam in 11-10 win over Dodgers.

COMMENT—Had best all-around record, upping previous top power marks.

SNIDER, DUKE

Dodgers (OF, L-R, 6-1½, 200, 33, 13 yrs.)
G.–126 R.–59 H.–114 HR.–23 RBI.–88 Avg.–.308
April 19—Takes 10th place on all-time HR list with No. 332 in 8-3 win over Cubs.
24—Beats Cards, 4-3, with pinch 1B in 11th.
29—RBIs 3 with 2B, 1B in 5-4 loss to Phils.
30—Hits inside-park HR, 2B in win over Phils.
May 9—Hits 2-run HR, 2 1Bs in win over Giants.
June 19—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs in 6-2 win over Reds.
26—Hits 2-run HR in 6-5 win over Pirates.
27—Beats Bucs, 3-0, with RBI 1B, saving catch.
July 4—HRs in each game of split with Cards.
Aug. 1—Goes 3-for-3 in 5-3 win over Phils.
2—Hits HR, 1B scores run that beats Phils, 4-3.
5—RBIs 3 on 2 HRs, 1B in 6-3 win over Reds.
15—Beats Cards, 4-3, with HR in 6th.
Sept. 17—Hits 3-run HR in 4-3 win over Reds.
20—Hits HR, 1B in 8-2 win over Giants.
23—Singles home 1st run of 3-0 win over Cards.
29—Hits 1B in 9th-inning rally that ties Braves in final play-off won by Dodgers.

COMMENT—Knee he hurt in 1957 still won't let him play every day but handled more work than in 1958 and was closer to best form. An outstanding slugger and solid all-around player, he's still young enough to come back.

SPENCER, DARYL

Giants (2B, R-R, 6-2½, 195, 30, 6 yrs.)
G.–152 R.–59 H.–147 HR.–12 RBI.–62 Avg.–.265
April 24—Beats Cubs, 4-3, with SF in 11th.
May 8—Gets 4 hits, 3 RBIs in 9-3 rout of L.A.
11—Gets 4 hits in 14-4 win over Pirates.
June 6—Gets 4 hits as Giants down Reds, 13-3.
7—RBIs 3 on HR, 2 1Bs in 5-3 win over Reds.
18—Gets 3 hits in 8-3 victory over Reds.
July 4—RBIs 5 on 2 HRs, 1B in rout of Cards.
31—Hits HR in 4-3 win over Pirates.
Aug. 1—Has fracas with Hoak of Pirates.
22—Gets 3 hits in 8-1 rout of Phils.
Sept. 15—Hits 3-run HR in 13-6 win over Reds.

COMMENT—Steady man of shaky Giant infield, though short or third are best positions, hit for best average of career. Has developed into solid player.

STUART, DICK

Pirates (1B, R-R, 6-3, 215, 27, 2 yrs.)
G.–118 R.–64 H.–118 HR.–27 RBI.–78 Avg.–.297
April 24—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in win over Phils.
May 13—Beats Dodgers, 6-4, on 2-run HR in 8th.
14—Again beats Dodgers, 7-6, with HR in 9th.
June 5—Hits 1st HR to clear 457-foot centerfield wall in Pittsburgh but Bucs lose to Cubs.
11—Hits 2-run HR in 12-9 win over Giants.
14—RBIs 3 on 2 HRs in 5-2 win over Dodgers.
18—Hits 2-run pinch HR in 4-2 win over Cubs.
23—Gets HR, 3 1Bs in 5-1 win over Giants.
July 10—Beats Cubs, 7-6, with 3-run HR in 11th.
Aug. 16—Beats Braves, 2-1, with 2-run HR.
Sept. 5—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 7-6 win over Phils.
21—Tangles with Mantilla of Braves.

COMMENT—A mighty slugger who raised average impressively in first full season. But fielding and base-running often gave Murtaugh the horrors.

TAYLOR, SAMMY

Cubs (C, L-R, 6-2, 185, 27, 2 yrs.)
G.–110 R.–41 H.–95 HR.–13 RBI.–43 Avg.–.269
April 11—RBIs 4 on 2B, 1B in 6-1 win over L.A.
21—Beats Cards, 1-0, with RBI 1B in 2nd.
June 4—Beats Phils, 3-2, with SF in 10th.
21—Beats Phils, 4-0, with 2-run HR, 1B.
July 4—Beats Dodgers, 2-1, with 3B in 9th.
9—Gets 4 hits in 4-3 loss to Pirates.
Sept. 16—Beats Pirates, 4-2, with HR in 9th.

COMMENT—Showed marked improvement as soph. Has good potential as hitter.

TAYLOR, TONY

Cubs (2B, R-R, 5-9, 170, 24, 2 yrs.)
G.–150 R.–96 H.–175 HR.–6 RBI.–38 Avg.–.280
April 17—Gets 3 hits in 9-4 win over Dodgers.
May 2—Gets 3 hits, 2 SBs as Cubs top Phils, 4-3.
25—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 9-4 win over Cards.
June 5—Gets 4 hits as Cubs down Pirates, 10-5.
7—Gets 3 hits in 4-2 victory over Pirates.
23—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 3-1 win over Reds.
27—Gets 3 hits in 7-1 victory over Braves.
Aug. 11—Beats L.A. with HR in 10th, his 3rd hit.
13—Hits HR, 3B, 1B in 20-9 rout of Giants.
24—Hits HR in 3-0 victory over Braves.
26—Hits 3B, 2B, 2 1Bs in 9-6 win over Reds.

COMMENT—Moves 45 (.235 to .280) points up batting ladder in second year. With speed and good glove, has chance to go far.

TEMPLE, JOHNNY

Reds (2B, R-R, 5-11, 160, 30, 8 yrs.)
G.–149 R.–102 H.–186– HR.–8 RBI.–67 Avg.–.311
April 25—Hits 3-run HR, 1B to beat Braves, 7-6.
26—His 3-run HR, 2B, 2 1Bs beat Braves again.
May 9—Gets 3 hits in 3-0 win over Braves.
18—Hits HR in tying rally of win over L.A.
June 2—Beats L.A., 5-4, with SF in 8th.
5—Hits HR, 1B in 7-2 win over Giants.
27—Named to start at 2B for N. L. All-Stars.
July 3—Gets 3 hits, SF in 6-1 rout of Phils.
15—RBIs 4 on 2B, 1B, SF in 11-5 win.
27—Leads 8-3 win over Cards with HR, 2B, 1B.
Aug. 22—RBIs 3 on HR, 2B in 11-4 win.
Sept. 2—Triples, scores to beat Bucs, 2-1.
14—Hits HR in 4-1 victory over Giants.

COMMENT—Solidly established as star, had best season at bat, for average and power. Brilliant afield and a fine base-runner.

THOMAS, FRANK

Reds (IF-OF, R-R, 6-3, 200, 30, 9 yrs.)
G.–108 R.–41 H.–84 HR.–12 RBI.–47 Avg.–.225
Jan. 31—Goes to Reds in exchange for Hoak, Haddix and Burgess of Pirates.
April 23—Beats Pirates, 5-2, with 2nd 1B in 6th.
25—Gets 2 2Bs, 2 1Bs in 7-6 win over Braves.
June 16—Beats Giants, 2-1, with 2B in 8th.
Aug. 8—Beats Giants, 9-6, with 3-run HR.
Sept. 16—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in win over L. A.

COMMENT—Principal of off-season's biggest trade, disappointed Reds bitterly by having worst year of career. Average dropped 60 points and he showed little of usual power. Can do much better. Sent to the Cubs for three players—Lee Walls, Bill Henry and Lou Jackson.

THOMSON, BOBBY

Cubs (OF, R-R, 6-2, 190, 36, 14 yrs.)
G.–122 R.–55 H.–97 HR.–11 RBI.–52 Avg.–.259
May 10—RBIs 6 on 2 HRs, 1B in win over Cards.
29—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 9-4 win over Dodgers.
June 9—Hits 3-run HR, 1B in 8-4 win over Reds.
July 1—Beats Cards, 6-5, with 1B in 9th.
Aug. 6—Leads 4-2 win over Phils with 2 1Bs.
Sept. 23—Gets 3 hits in 9-8 win over Giants.

COMMENT—Slowing down but still tough in clutch. Has been big run-producer over years. Traded to Red Sox, Dec. 1, for Al Schroll.

TORRE, FRANK

Braves (1B, L-L, 6-3, 205, 28, 4 yrs.)
G.–115 R.–23 H.–60 HR.–2 RBI.–33 Avg.–.228
April 29—Gets 3 hits in 9-3 rout of Cards.
May 3—Hits 3-run 2B in 9-4 win over Giants.
22—Hits 2 2Bs in 10-5 victory over Phils.

COMMENT—Drastic skid at bat, from .309 the year before, cost him regular job he seemed to have won. He's not that bad but he can't get by on glove alone.

VERNON, MICKEY

Braves (1B, L-L, 6-2, 190, 42, 19 yrs.)
G.–74 R.–8 H.–20 HR.–3 RBI.–14 Avg.–.220
April 11—Traded by Indians to Braves.
14—Hits tying pinch 1B in first N.L. at bat and Braves go on to beat Phils in 10th.
May 2—Hits pinch HR but Giants win, 8-5.
Sept. 20—Beats Phils, 8-5, with pinch 1B in 7th.

COMMENT—May survive another season but time is short. Twice American League batting champion, he's a great stylist at bat.

VIRDON, BILL

Pirates (OF, L-R, 6-0, 185, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.–144 R.–67 H.–132 HR.–8 RBI.–41 Avg.–.254
April 22—Hits 3-run HR in 9-8 win over Reds.
May 3—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 win over Cards.
30—Hits 2 2Bs in 3-1 victory over Reds.
July 19—Beat Giants, 3-2, with HR in 9th.
Aug. 6—RBIs 6 on 3-run HR, 1B in rout of Cards.
23—Gets 7 hits in sweep against Dodgers.
Sept. 17—Leads 7-0 rout of Cards with HR, 2B.

COMMENT—Does many things well but hitting has dropped off since first two years. May lose regular job if he doesn't perk up.

WAGNER, LEON

Giants (OF, L-R, 6-1, 192, 25, 2 yrs.)
G.–87 R.–20 H.–29 HR.–5 RBI.–22 Avg.–.225
May 26—Beats Dodgers, 6-4, with pinch grand slam.
June 6—Goes 4-4-2, with HR, in 13-3 rout of Reds.
22—Beats Pirates, 4-1, with RBI 3B.

COMMENT—Crude in field but great power gives him a chance to make good with added experience.

WALLS, LEE

Cubs (OF, R-R, 6-3, 190, 27, 5 yrs.)
G.–120 R.–43 H.–91 HR.–8 RBI.–33 Avg.–.257
May 3—Gets 4 hits as Cubs down Phils, 4-3.
June 9—Gets 4 hits in 8-4 victory over Reds.
July 1—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 6-5 win over Cards.
Aug. 16—Beats Giants, 5-4, with 3-run HR in 4th.

COMMENT—Could not approach 1958 peaks in average and power. Will have to make comeback. Traded along with Henry and Lou Jackson to Reds for Thomas.

WHITE, BILL

Cardinals (1B-OF, L-L, 6-0, 190, 26, 3 yrs.)
G.–138 R.–77 H.–156 HR.–12 RBI.–72 Avg.–.302
March 25—Obtained from Giants for Sam Jones.
May 15—Gets HR, 2 1Bs in 8-2 rout of Phils.
19—RBIs 3 on 2B, 2 1Bs in 6-2 win over Bucs.
20—Leads 11-1 rout of Cards with 3 RBIs.
June 9—Hits 3B, 2 2Bs in 12-3 rout of Braves.
16—Gets 3 hits in 8-1 rout of Phils.
27—Hits HR for 1st run of 5-0 win over Reds.
30—Gets 3 hits, 2 steals in 4-1 win over Cubs.
July 5—Beats Giants, 4-2, with grand-slam HR.
18—Gets 4 hits in 6-5 win over Braves.
Aug. 16—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 5-3 win over L.A.
27—Hits 3B, 2 1Bs in 5-4 victory over Braves.
Sept. 21—Gets 25-stitch cut in head in crash into wall at St. Louis against Cubs.

COMMENT—Blocked off from regular work with Giants, made most of chance with Cards. Has speed and power and should continue to hit well. First is proper position.

WILLS, MAURY

Dodgers (SS, SW-R, 5-11, 170, 26, 1 yr.)
G.–83 R.–27 H.–63 HR.–0 RBI.–7 Avg.–.260
Sept. 15—Gets 5 hits in 8-7 win over Braves.
20—Gets 3 hits in 8-2 victory over Giants.

COMMENT—Installed as regular in August after recall from minors, did fine job in stretch drive and series. If he hits as well as first time around he'll make it.

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PLAYER	April 26	May 10	May 24	June 7	June 21	July 4	July 19	Aug. 2	Aug. 16	Aug. 30	Sept. 13	Final
Aaron, Milwaukee	.479	.484	.462	.420	.389	.375	.365	.364	.367	.357	.357	.356
Cunningham, St. Louis	.235	.250	.324	.318	.322	.332	.333	.337	.345	.351	.348	.345
Cepeda, San Francisco	.333	.292	.307	.328	.337	.341	.327	.324	.315	.319	.321	.317
Pinson, Cincinnati	.340	.368	.329	.327	.333	.305	.312	.311	.328	.330	.317	.316
Mays, San Francisco	.302	.337	.322	.330	.320	.310	.308	.295	.304	.305	.301	.313
Temple, Cincinnati	.311	.351	.342	.315	.324	.331	.316	.331	.320	.320	.312	.311
Robinson, Cincinnati	.275	.314	.283	.290	.288	.319	.332	.317	.313	.316	.310	.311
Boyer, St. Louis	.271	.301	.308	.288	.313	.308	.306	.297	.312	.318	.318	.309
Mathews, Milwaukee	.273	.312	.303	.292	.293	.305	.304	.302	.299	.307	.311	.306
Banks, Chicago	.367	.320	.289	.286	.308	.306	.301	.309	.311	.297	.291	.304

Bold type denotes leader for that week.

HOME RUNS

PLAYER	*April 26	May 10	May 24	June 7	June 21	July 4	July 19	*Aug. 2	Aug. 16	Aug. 30	Sept. 13	Final
Mathews, Milwaukee	6	10	14	19	22	25	29	29	33	34	36	46
Banks, Chicago	4	7	10	13	19	22	26	29	35	37	40	45
Aaron, Milwaukee	3	8	13	15	16	22	24	28	30	34	38	39
Robinson, Cincinnati	3	7	8	14	16	17	24	24	27	32	36	36
Mays, San Francisco	1	3	7	7	10	13	16	17	19	23	29	34
Boyer, St. Louis	1	3	8	10	14	16	18	18	21	24	27	28
Cepeda, San Francisco	5	6	7	12	15	17	19	21	23	25	25	27
Stuart, Pittsburgh	1	3	6	7	13	16	18	18	18	20	24	27
Adcock, Milwaukee	0	2	3	4	4	7	9	12	16	20	24	25
Hodges, Los Angeles	1	3	3	7	8	14	18	19	19	21	23	25

Bold type denotes leader for that week. *Mathews and Demeter, Los Angeles tied for lead 4/26; Mathews and Banks tied for lead 8/2.

RUNS BATTED IN

PLAYER	*April 26	May 10	*May 24	June 7	June 21	July 4	July 19	Aug. 2	Aug. 16	Aug. 30	Sept. 13	Final
Banks, Chicago	16	26	39	48	67	75	86	98	110	118	129	143
Robinson, Cincinnati	11	29	34	49	58	68	87	89	102	114	125	125
Aaron, Milwaukee	10	22	39	48	55	72	77	85	92	99	113	123
Bell, Cincinnati	8	13	25	30	33	50	67	72	88	100	106	115
Mathews, Milwaukee	12	23	31	41	47	57	69	70	79	87	93	114
Cepeda, San Francisco	15	19	27	43	57	63	69	71	77	87	94	105
Mays, San Francisco	10	16	32	41	47	52	60	66	73	82	91	104
Boyer, St. Louis	5	14	25	35	48	55	61	62	71	80	89	94
Post, Philadelphia	8	19	27	38	40	48	54	57	66	79	86	94
Snider, Los Angeles	4	11	20	25	37	44	49	54	66	76	80	87

Bold type denotes leader for that week. *Demeter, Los Angeles tied Banks for lead 4/26; Banks and Aaron tied for lead 5/24.

1959 National League Batters Summary

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Ninth	Tenth	N. L. record
Batting average	Aaron .356	Cunningham .345	Cepeda .317	Pinson .316	Mays .313	Temple .311	Robinson .311	Boyer .309	Mathews .306	Banks .304	.424 Hornsby St. Louis, '24
Times at bat	Pinson 648	Aaron 629	T. Taylor 624	Neal 616	Blasingame 615	Cepeda 605	Temple 598	Mathews 594	Groat 593	Banks 589	696 Jensen Pittsburgh, '36
Runs	Pinson 131	Mays 125	Mathews 118	Aaron 116	Robinson 106	Neal 103	Temple 102	Banks 97	T. Taylor 96	Moon 93	158 Klein Philadelphia, '30
Hits	Aaron 223	Pinson 205	Cepeda 192	Temple 186	Mathews 182	Mays 180	Banks 179	Blasingame 178	Neal 177	T. Taylor 175	254 O'Doul, Phil., '29 254 Terry, N. Y., '30
Doubles	Pinson 47	Aaron 46	Mays 43	Cimoli 40	Temple 35	Cepeda 35	White 33	Robinson 31	Neal 30	T. Taylor 30	64 Medwick St. Louis, '36
Triples	Moon 11	Neal 11	Dark 9	Pinson 9	White 9	Mathews 8	T. Taylor 8	7 tied at 7			36 J. Wilson Pittsburgh, '12
Homers	Mathews 46	Banks 45	Aaron 39	Robinson 36	Mays 34	Boyer 28	Cepeda 27	Stuart 27	Adcock 25	Hodges 25	56 L. Wilson Chicago, '30
Total bases	Aaron 400	Mathews 352	Banks 351	Mays 335	Pinson 330	Cepeda 316	Robinson 315	Boyer 286	Neal 286	Moon 269	450 Hornsby St. Louis, '25
Slugging percentage	Aaron .636	Banks .596	Mathews .593	Robinson .583	Mays .583	Cepeda .522	Hodges .513	Pinson .509	Boyer .508	Moon .495	.756 Hornsby St. Louis, '22
Runs batted in	Banks 143	Robinson 125	Aaron 123	Bell 115	Mathews 114	Cepeda 105	Mays 104	Boyer 94	Post 94	Snider 87	190 L. Wilson Chicago, '30
Stolen bases	Mays 27	T. Taylor 23	Gilliam 23	Cepeda 23	Pinson 21	Robinson 18	Neal 17	Moon 15	Blasingame 15	Temple 14	80 Bescher Cincinnati, '11
Walks	Gilliam 96	Cunningham 88	Moon 81	Mathews 80	Ashburn 79	Temple 72	Hoak 71	Bouchee 70	Robinson 69	3 tied at 67	148 Stanky Brooklyn, '45
Strikeouts	Post 101	Cepeda 100	Pinson 98	H. Anderson 95	Robinson 93	Hodges 92	Demeter 87	Neal 86	Stuart 86	T. Taylor 86	134 V. DiMaggio Boston, '38
Ground into double plays	Crandall 24	Neal 22	Groat 21	Cimoli 19	Aaron 19	Banks 18	Hoak 18	Robinson 16	Mazeroski 16	G. Anderson 15	30 Lombardi Cincinnati, '38

NL PITCHERS

ANDERSON, BOB
Cubs (R, 6-4, 210, 24, 3 yrs.)
G.–37 IP.–235 H.–245 BB.–77 SO.–113 W.–12 L.–13 ERA.–4.14
April 11—Beats Dodgers, 6-1, with 6-hitter.
July 4—Stops Dodgers, 2-1, on 6 hits, in 1st complete game since April 11 opener.
22—Fans 9 in 5-hit, 7-2 victory over Dodgers.
Aug. 24—Blanks Braves, 3-0, on 6 hits.
Sept. 11—Stops Cards, 2-1, with 3-hitter.

COMMENT—Handled heavy work load well in first full season though he had trouble going route.

ANTONELLI, JOHN
Giants (L, 6-1, 185, 30, 10 yrs.)
G.–40 IP.–282 H.–247 BB.–76 SO.–165 W.–19 L.–10 ERA.–3.10
April 15—Defeats Cubs, 7-1, with 5-hitter.
19—Downs Cards, 3-1, on 8 hits.
May 8—Yields 10 hits but beats Dodgers, 9-3.
16—Hurls 6-hitter to down Reds, 9-2.
June 9—Holds Pirates to 5 hits in 6-2 win.
13—Beats Phils, 2-1, on 7-hitter; fans 7.
27—Named to staff of N. L. All-Stars.
28—Shuts out Phils, 6-0, on 7 hits.
July 3—Blanks Cubs, 5-0, on 5 hits.
16—Posts 3-hit shutout over Phils.
20—Loses 4-hitter to Dodgers, 3-2.
29—Drops 3-hitter to Phils, 3-1.
Aug. 2—Downs Pirates, 5-3, on 6-hitter.
7—Pitches 4-hitter to beat Reds, 3-2.
21—Hits HR in 8-hit, 8-0 shutout of Phils.
Sept. 5—Beats Cards, 3-2, for No. 19.
23—Fails to finish for 4th straight time vs. Cubs.

COMMENT—Headed for 3rd 20-victory season when he succumbed to heavy work load.

BROGLIO, ERNIE
Cardinals (R, 6-2, 195, 24, 1 yr.)
G.–35 IP.–181 H.–174 BB.–89 SO.–133 W.–7 L.–12 ERA.–4.72
June 27—Shuts out Reds, 5-0, on 2 hits.
July 5—Beats Giants, 4-2, with 6-hitter.
20—Blanks Cubs, 2-0, on 9 hits, fanning 7.
Aug. 5—Shuts out Pirates, 3-0, on 4 hits.

COMMENT—Showed enough promise as rookie starter to rate further trial.

BROSNAN, JIM
Reds (R, 6-4, 210, 30, 5 yrs.)
G.–46 IP.–116 H.–113 BB.–41 SO.–74 W.–9 L.–6 ERA.–3.80
May 22—Beats Cubs with 6 no-run innings.
June 8—Traded to Reds for Jeffcoat.
14—Goes 7 innings to beat Cards, 3-2.
24—Shuts out Cubs, 5-0, on 4 hits.
Sept. 14—Goes 7 innings to down Giants, 4-1.

COMMENT—An effective spot starter and middle reliefer for last three years.

BUHL, BOB
Braves (R, 6-2, 182, 31, 7 yrs.)
G.–31 IP.–198 H.–181 BB.–74 SO.–105 W.–15 L.–9 ERA.–2.86
May 11—Held back by shoulder trouble, goes 7 to beat Cubs, 11-1, for 1st victory.
16—Shuts out Dodgers, 6-0, on 4 hits.
June 7—Stops Dodgers, 8-2, on 4 hits.
11—Blanks Cards, 8-0, on 5 hits, fanning 8.
26—Hospitalized for check on sore arm.
July 26—Returns to go 7 and beat Pirates, 2-1.
31—Shuts out Cards, 6-0, on 3 hits.
Aug. 17—Downs Dodgers, 8-1, on 7 hits.
23—Blanks Cubs, 2-0, on 6 hits.
Sept. 7—Fans 8 in 7-hit, 4-1 win over Pirates.
14—Beats Dodgers, 4-1, giving 3 hits in 8.

COMMENT—Hard to beat when arm is sound but has periodic trouble.

BURDETTE, LEW
Braves (R, 6-2, 180, 33, 10 yrs.)
G.–41 IP.–290 H.–312* BB.–38 SO.–105 W.–21† L.–15 ERA.–4.07
April 11—Gives 11 hits but beats Pirates, 4-3.
22—Shuts out Phils, 2-0, on 8 hits.
May 8—After 5 straight wins, bows to Reds, 3-2.
26—Goes 13 to blank Pirates, 1-0, on 12 hits.
June 8—RBIs 4 on 4 hits in 9-5 win over Cubs.
20—Stops Giants, 4-1, on 5 hits.
27—Named to staff of N. L. All-Stars.
July 12—After 3 losses, beats Giants, 4-2.
25—Shuts out Pirates, 3-0, on 4 hits.
Aug. 19—Hurls 6-hitter to beat Giants, 5-2.
Sept. 7—Downs Pirates, 5-1, on 6-hitter.
12—Tops Reds, 4-3, on 9 hits for No. 20.
16—Shuts out Giants, 2-0, on 5 hits.

COMMENT—A cool, crafty competitor, had 2nd straight 20-win season. But, like Spahn, lost 15. Many think both worked too much. New skipper Dressen may fix that.

CARDWELL, DON
Phillies (R, 6-4, 210, 24, 3 yrs.)
G.–25 IP.–153 H.–135 BB.–65 SO.–106 W.–9 L.–10 ERA.–4.06
July 18—Hurls 4-hitter to beat Dodgers, 4-2.
29—Downs Giants, 3-1, on 6 hits.
Aug. 16—Shuts out Reds, 6-0, on 6 hits.
Sept. 1—Hits HR to beat Braves, 5-3, on 6 hits.

COMMENT—Did well after slow start.

CONLEY, GENE
Phils (R, 6-8, 225, 29, 7 yrs.)
G.–25 IP.–180 H.–159 BB.–42 SO.–102 W.–12 L.–7 ERA.–3.00
March 31—Obtained from Braves with Koppe, Hanebrink for Lopata, O'Brien, Sawatski.
May 2—Away late because of holdout with Braves, fans 11 Cubs in 9 innings of shutout relief.
8—Stops Pirates, 8-1, leaving in 9th because of injured finger.
24—Shuts out Braves, 6-0, on 6 hits.
10—Beats Dodgers, 2-1, with 4 hitter.
27—Named to staff of N. L. All-Stars.
July 1—Blanks Pirates, 1-0, on 5 hits.
9—Shuts out Cards, 11-0, on 7 hits.
16—Loses 1-0 8-hitter to Giants.
Aug. 19—Hurls 3-hitter to beat Cubs, 4-1; out for rest of season.

COMMENT—Made comeback-of-year. The Braves certainly could have used him. Phils will have to build staff around him.

CRAIG, ROGER
Dodgers (R, 6-4, 192, 29, 5 yrs.)
G.–29 IP.–153 H.–122 BB.–45 SO.–76 W.–11 L.–5 ERA.–2.06
June 19—Recalled from Spokane, beats Reds, 6-2, with 5-hitter in 1st start.
July 9—Beats Braves, 4-3, on 3-hit, no-run relief for 11 innings.
21—Shuts out Giants, 1-0, on 3 hits.
29—Blanks Pirates, 2-0, on 6 hits.
Sept. 10—Shuts out Phils, 5-0, on 3 hits.
19—Downs Giants, 4-1, with 6-hitter.
23—Shuts out Cards, 3-0, on 5 hits.
27—Beats Cubs, 7-1, on 6 hits in flag-tie win.

COMMENT—Strong man of Dodger pennant drive, looms as '60 mainstay now that arm is sound.

DRYSDALE, DON
Dodgers (R, 6-6, 205, 23, 4 yrs.)
G.–44 IP.–271 H.–237 BB.–93 SO.–242* W.–17 L.–13 ERA.–3.45
April 15—Shuts out Cards, 5-0, on 8 hits.
20—Fans 11, gives 3 hits in 2-1 win over Giants.
May 22—Goes 13 to beat Giants, 2-1, on 6 hits.
27—Fans 11 in 5-hit 4-1 victory over Cubs.
June 15—Fans 12 in 4-hit shut-out of Braves.
20—RBIs 3 on HR, 3B in 6-hit 9-2 win vs. Reds.
25—Pitches 3-hitter to down Phils, 5-2.
27—Named to staff of N. L. All-Stars.
July 4—Fans 11 in 5-hit 5-2 win over Cubs.
15—Shuts out Pirates, 3-0, on 3 hits.
20—Turns back Giants, 3-2, with 4-hitter.
26—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 8-2 win over Cards.
31—Fans 14 in 8-hit, 5-4 win over Phils.
Aug. 8—Stops Braves, 4-2, on 5 hits.
23—Loses both ends of double-header to Pirates.
Sept. 3—Has hassle with Cunningham of Cards.
9—After 6 straight losses, downs Phils, 1-0, on 3 hits, fanning 11.

COMMENT—With added maturity, should be one of best. Already ranks high.

ELSTON, DON
Cubs (R, 6-0, 165, 31, 4 yrs.)
G.–65† IP.–98 H.–77 BB.–46 SO.–82 W.–10 L.–8 ERA.–3.31
June 4—Goes 3⅓ to beat Phils, 3-2, in 10th.
Sept. 6—Tops Dodgers, 5-3, on 2 runless innings.
23—Stops Giants in 9th-10th of key pennant game to score victory No. 10.

COMMENT—Rubber-armed and dependable, combines with Henry to give Cubs best right-left bullpen team in league.

FACE, ELROY
Pirates (R, 5-8, 155, 32, 6 yrs.)
G.–57 IP.–93 H.–91 BB.–25 SO.–69 W.–18 L.–1 ERA.–2.71
May 3—Blanks Cards for 3 to win 3rd straight.
14—Stops Dodgers 2nd day in row for 6-0.
June 14—Record 10-0 after checking Dodgers.
27—Named to staff of N. L. All-Stars.
Aug. 9—Goes 3 vs. Cubs to bag No. 15 in 10th.
Sept. 11—Yields 2 in 9th to Dodgers and loses 1st game since May 30, 1958; had won 22 in row, 17 in 1959.
19—Goes 3 to beat Reds in 12th for 18-1.

COMMENT—His baffling fork-ball and rubber arm have made him the game's top reliefer.

FRIEND, BOB
Pirates (R, 6-0, 190, 29, 9 yrs.)
G.–35 IP.–235 H.–267 BB.–52 SO.–104 W.–8 L.–19* ERA.–4.02
May 28—After 7 straight losses, shuts out Braves, 3-0, on 4 hits for 1st victory.
Aug. 16—Goes 8 to beat Braves, for 100th win.
20—Downs Cards, 3-1, on 9 hits, fanning 11.
24—Gives 12 hits but blanks Giants, 6-0.
29—Stops Phils, 11-1, with 9-hitter.

COMMENT—A 22-game winner in 1958, was ill in spring and never completely regained form. A master craftsman, he should snap back.

GOMEZ, RUBEN
Phillies (R, 6-0, 170, 32, 7 yrs.)
G.–20 IP.–72 H.–90 BB.–24 SO.–37 W.–3 L.–8 ERA.–6.13
April 17—Injures knee against Reds.
May 21—Shuts out Cubs, 3-0, on 4 hits.

COMMENT—Acquired from Giants in December trade for Sanford, never was really right after injury. Can do much better.

HADDIX, HARVEY
Pirates (L, 5-9, 160, 34, 8 yrs.)
G.–31 IP.–224 H.–189 BB.–49 SO.–149 W.–12 L.–12 ERA.–3.13
April 25—Beats Phils, 4-2, with 7-hitter.
May 2—Downs Cards, 2-1, on 5 hits.
26—Pitches 12 perfect innings, for a major league record, then loses 1-hitter, 1-0, to Braves on error and double in 13th.
June 2—Shuts out Cards, 3-0, on 8 hits.
Aug. 23—Stops Dodgers, 9-2, with 7-hitter.
30—Beats Phils, 2-1, with 6-hitter.
Sept. 17—Blanks Cards, 7-0, on 4 hits.

COMMENT—Acquired from Reds in Thomas deal, worked harder and more effectively than in several years. A scrapper.

HENRY, BILL
Cubs (L, 6-2, 180, 32, 6 yrs.)
G.–65† IP.–134 H.–111 BB.–26 SO.–115 W.–9 L.–8 ERA.–2.69
May 8—Goes 3 shut-out innings to beat Cards.
29—Blanks Dodgers in 3⅔-inning save.
June 17—Beats Pirates for 5th relief victory.
July 14—Gives 1 run in 5⅓ to beat Braves.
28—Two days after getting concussion in batting practice, makes runless 3⅓ save vs. Braves.

COMMENT—Unable to stick in previous trials with Red Sox, has made it big with Cubs. For second straight year was N. L.'s best southpaw reliefer. Traded to Reds.

HILLMAN, DAVE
Red Sox (R, 5-11, 168, 32, 5 yrs.)
G.–39 IP.–191 H.–178 BB.–43 SO.–88 W.–8 L.–11 ERA.–3.53
May 7—Shut out Pirates, 3-0, on 2 hits.
July 11—Turns back Pirates, 5-1, on 9 hits.
16—Beats Braves, 4-2, with complete 9-hitter.
Aug. 26—Blanks Reds on 2 hits in 6-inn. relief.
Sept. 26—Downs Dodgers, 12-2, with 9-hitter.

COMMENT—Had best all-around season. Traded to Red Sox in inter-league deal.

HOBBIE, GLEN
Cubs (R, 6-3, 195, 24, 3 yrs.)
G.–46 IP.–234 H.–204 BB.–106 SO.–138 W.–16 L.–13 ERA.–3.69
April 21—Blanks Cards, 1-0, on 1 hit; retires first 20, then Musial 2Bs; only 3 reach base.
May 13—Shuts out Reds, 10-0, on 3 hits.
July 15—Beats Braves, 5-2, with 5-hitter.
Sept. 4—Beats Giants, 2-1, with 7-hitter.
13—Shuts out Cards, 8-0, on 3 hits.

COMMENT—Has fine equipment. With improved control, should go far.

JACKSON, LARRY
Cardinals (R, 6-1½, 175, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.–40 IP.–256 H.–271 BB.–64 SO.–145 W.–14 L.–13 ERA.–3.30
May 9—Gets 2 hits, holds Cubs to 7 in 11-1 win.
23—Turns back Cubs, 5-1, on 4 hits.
June 13—Shuts out Reds, 7-0, on 8 hits.
30—Holds Cubs to 4 hits in 4-1 victory.
Aug. 26—Downs Braves, 5-2, on 7 hits.
Sept. 1—Shuts out Dodgers, 3-0, on 2 hits.
6—Blanks Giants, 1-0, on 5 hits.

COMMENT—Good starter, strong reliefer, stern competitor, should get better.

JAY, JOEY
Braves (R, 6-4, 225, 24, 6 yrs.)
G.–34 IP.–136 H.–130 BB.–64 SO.–88 W.–6 L.–11 ERA.–4.10
May 19—Fans 8 in 7-hit, 8-1 win over Giants.

June 24—Blanks Cards, 4-0, on 8 hits (7 inn.).
July 27—Pitches 5-hitter to down Pirates, 5-2.
Sept. 11—Stops Reds, 10-2, on 4 hits.

COMMENT—Failed to meet expectations in 1959 but remains a good prospect.

JONES, SAM

Giants (R, 6-4, 205, 34, 7 yrs.)
G.–50 IP.–271 H.–232 BB.–109* SO.–209 W.–21† L.–15 ERA.–2.82*
March 25—Obtained from Cards in deal for White.
April 11—Beats Cards, 5-2, with 8-hitter.
20—Loses 6-hitter to Dodgers, 2-1.
22—Saves 6-3 victory over Dodgers in relief.
May 13—Fans 12, gives 2 hits to top Phils, 6-0.
20—Saves 6-3 win over Braves in relief.
23—Downs Dodgers, 4-2, on 9 hits; fans 9.
June 1—Hurls 8-hitter to beat Braves, 11-2.
19—Goes 10 innings to beat Braves, 4-3.
30—Shuts out Dodgers, 2-0, on 1 hit, disputed infield single by Gilliam in 8th.
July 10—Beats Reds in relief 2nd straight day.
17—Turns back Pirates, 4-1, on 7 hits.
21—Loses 3-hitter to Dodgers, 1-0.
25—Added to N. L. staff for 2nd All-Star game.
Aug. 8—Downs Braves, 7-1, on 8 hits.
20—Beats Braves again, 5-3, on 11 hits.
28—Fans 11, gives 8 hits in 5-0 win over L. A.
Sept. 7—Stops Cards, 4-2, on 7 hits; fans 9.
12—Hurls 4-hitter to beat Phils, 9-1, for No. 20.
26—Throws 7-inn. no-hitter to beat Cards, 4-0.

COMMENT—Hero of Giants' pennant bid, taking on relief jobs between starts. Great stuff.

KLINE, RON

Pirates (R, 6-3, 196, 28, 6 yrs.)
G.–33 IP.–186 H.–186 BB.–70 SO.–91 W.–11 L.–13 ERA.–4.26
April 29—Fans 9 in 7-hit, 3-2 win over Giants.
May 9—Downs Phils, 9-1, on 8-hitter.
24—Beats Reds, 2-1, with 5-hitter.
Sept. 13—Beats Dodgers, 4-3, on 9-hitter.

COMMENT—Tends to get late-inning bends and has yet to have a .500 season. There's still hope. Has great natural ability.

KOUFAX, SANDY

Dodgers (L, 6-2, 210, 24, 5 yrs.)
G.–35 IP.–153 H.–136 BB.–92 SO.–173 W.–8 L.–6 ERA.–4.06
June 17—After 9 KOs, beat Braves with 5-hitter.
22—Fans 16 in 10-hit, 6-2 victory over Phils.
27—Shuts out Pirates, 3-0, on 6 hits.
Aug. 24—Fans 13 in 4-hit, 8-2 win over Phils.
31—Sets N. L., ties major league record by striking out 18 in 7-hit, 5-2 victory over Giants.
Sept. 6—Fans 10 in 3-0 loss to Cubs to set major league mark of 41 strikeouts in 3 games.

COMMENT—If he ever can get untracked earlier and keep his stuff under control, he could tear the league apart.

LAW, VERN

Pirates (R, 6-3, 200, 30, 8 yrs.)
G.–34 IP.–266 H.–245 BB.–53 SO.–110 W.–18 L.–9 ERA.–2.98
April 26—Hurls 3-hitter to down Phils, 9-2.
June 14—Stops Dodgers, 5-2, with 8-hitter.
19—Shuts out Cards, 6-0 on 4 hits.
23—Downs Giants, 5-1, on 6 hits.
July 2—Goes 10 to beat Braves, 4-3, on 7 hits.
14—Checks Dodgers, 9-1, with 7-hitter.
19—Beats Giants, 3-2, with 8-hitter.
Aug. 14—Turns back Braves, 2-1, on 5 hits.
28—Shuts out Phils, 9-0, on 5 hits.
Sept. 10—Yields 11 hits but beats Giants, 5-3.
20—Downs Reds, 10-1, on 6-hitter.

COMMENT—Had best year in baseball. A solid pitcher who should hold up.

LAWRENCE, BROOKS

Reds (R, 6-0, 205, 35, 6 yrs.)
G.–43 IP.–128 H.–144 BB.–45 SO.–64 W.–7 L.–12 ERA.–4.78
April 23—Beats Pirates, 5-2, with 5-hitter.
May 8—Downs Braves, 3-2, on 11 scattered hits.
July 26—Tops Phils. 2nd relief win in 4 days.
Aug. 2—Completes Hook's 2-0 shutout of Cubs.

COMMENT—Always a hard, willing worker. Lately has tended to run out of gas toward end.

MC CORMICK, MIKE

Giants (L, 6-2, 195, 21, 4 yrs.)
G.–47 IP.–226 H.–213 BB.–86 SO.–151 W.–12 L.–16 ERA.–3.98
May 14—Shuts out Phils, 8-0, on 3 hits.
June 12—Blanks Phils, 3-0, on 5-inn. no-hitter.
26—Shuts out Phils 3rd time, 8-0, on 3 hits.
July 22—Downs Cards, 6-1, with 6-hitter.
30—Beats Phils, 7-2, with 7-hitter for No. 10.
Sept. 6—Drops 1-0 decision to Cards.
11—Beaten by 1-0 again, by Phils.

COMMENT—Only a boy but gave it a man's try under premature pressure. Hard luck kept record from being better. Has great promise.

MC DANIEL, LINDY

Cardinals (R, 6-3, 190, 24, 5 yrs.)
G.–62 IP.–132 H.–144 BB.–41 SO.–86 W.–14 L.–12 ERA.–3.82
April 14—Stops Dodgers, 6-2, on 7 hits.
May 10—Loses, then wins in split with Cubs.
June 25—Blanks Braves for 4 to win, 3-2.
July 4—Shuts out Dodgers for 4 to win, 4-2.

COMMENT—Did a tremendous job as reliefer but should not be counted out as starter.

MC DEVITT, DANNY

Dodgers (L, 5-10, 175, 27, 3 yrs.)
G.–39 IP.–145 H.–149 BB.–51 SO.–106 W.–10 L.–8 ERA.–3.97
May 3—Gives 10 hits but stops Reds, 7-1.
12—Beats Phils, 3-1, with 5-hitter.
June 17—Shuts out Braves, 4-0, on 2 hits.
July 2—Hurls 10-hit shutout, beating Cards, 4-0.

COMMENT—A tough-fibered competitor who has served the Dodgers well in spots.

MILLER, STU

Giants (R, 5-11, 155, 32, 7 yrs.)
G.–59 IP.–168 H.–164 BB.–57 SO.–95 W.–8 L.–7 ERA.–2.84
May 17—Downs Reds, 9-1, with 5-hitter.
June 25—Holds Bucs to 5 hits in 11 in 3-1 loss.
Aug. 11—Gets 2nd straight relief win over Cards.

COMMENT—Lacks power to start or finish, does well at middle relief and spot assignments.

MIZELL, WILMER

Cardinals (L, 6-3, 200, 29, 6 yrs.)
G.–31 IP.–201 H.–196 BB.–89 SO.–108 W.–13 L.–10 ERA.–4.21
April 17—Beats Giants, 4-1, with 4-hitter.
22—Holds Cubs to 5 hits in 8-2 victory.
May 16—Pitches 4-hitter to down Phils, 8-2.
20—RBIs 3 runs in 6-hit, 11-1 win over Pirates.
June 7—Shuts out Phils, 2-0, on 5 hits.
16—Yields 10 hits but beats Phils, 8-1.

COMMENT—Has fine stuff but can't always control it and has trouble finishing.

NEWCOMBE, DON

Reds (R, 6-4, 240, 33, 9 yrs.)
G.–30 IP.–222 H.–216 BB.–27 SO.–100 W.–13 L.–8 ERA.–3.16
April 10—Loses 4-hitter to Roberts of Phils, 2-1.
May 5—Beats Giants, 5-2, with 5-hitter.
15—RBIs 3 in 7-hit, 5-2 win over Giants.
26—Downs Phils, 2-1, with 7-hitter.
June 5—Turns back Giants, 7-2, on 3 hits.
11—Shuts out Cubs, 8-0, on 9 hits for 5th in row.
16—Beats Giants, 2-1 on 6 hits.
21—RBIs 4 in 10-hit 17-3 romp against Dodgers.
28—Gets pinch hit each game of two vs. Cards.
July 14—Eight-game winning streak ends when he drops 6-5 decision to Cards in 11 innings.
18—Shuts out Giants, 8-0, on 8 hits.
21—Stops Braves, 12-2, on 8 hits.
Sept. 2—Beats Pirates, 2-1, with 9-hitter.

COMMENT—Had best season since 1955-56 Brooklyn heyday. One of the best hitting pitchers.

NUXHALL, JOE

Reds (L, 6-3, 215, 31, 9 yrs.)
G.–28 IP.–132 H.–155 BB.–35 SO.–75 W.–9 L.–9 ERA.–4.23
May 14—Shuts out Cubs, 2-0, on 3 hits.
June 4—Beats Dodgers, 5-3, with 8-hitter.
July 29—Downs Cards, 9-2, with 7-hitter.
Aug. 4—Fans 10 in 3-hit 4-1 win over Dodgers.
10—Equals record with 4 strikeouts in 1 inning in 4-3 8-hit win over Braves; fans 10 in game.

COMMENT—In spots over years has looked like one of best; can't seem to hold steady pace.

OWENS, JIM

Phillies (R, 5-11, 195, 26, 4 yrs.)
G.–31 IP.–221 H.–203 BB.–73 SO.–135 W.–12 L.–12 ERA.–3.22
May 1—Downs Cubs, 4-2, on 4 hits.
23—Hurls 5-hitter to beat Braves, 4-2.
July 17—Beats Dodgers, 3-2, with 10-hitter.
28—Turns back Giants, 3-2, on 4 hits.
Aug. 18—Gives 10 hits but beats Cards, 2-1.
27—Stops Giants, 7-2, on 7 hits.
Sept. 4—Shuts out Pirates, 3-0, on 6 hits.
22—Hurls 5-hitter to down Reds, 3-1.

COMMENT—Performed well in first full season. Has equipment to go far.

PODRES, JOHN

Dodgers (L, 6-0, 190, 27, 6 yrs.)
G.–34 IP.–195 H.–192 BB.–74 SO.–145 W.–14 L.–9 ERA.–4.11
April 19—Downs Cubs, 8-3, on 4 hits.
May 25—Shuts out Giants, 8-0, on 2 hits.
June 5—Downs Braves, 5-1, on 7 hits.
11—Blanks Phils, 2-0, with 2nd 2-hitter.
Aug. 5—Beats Reds, 6-3, on 4 hits to end slump.
Sept. 7—Fans 14 in 6-hit, 7-1 win over Cubs.

COMMENT—Can't handle full work load because of chronic back ailment but he's a fiery competitor as long as he lasts.

PURKEY, BOB

Reds (R, 6-2, 180, 30, 6 yrs.)
G.–38 IP.–218 H.–241 BB.–43 SO.–78 W.–13 L.–18 ERA.–4.25
April 9—Beats Pirates, 4-1, on 6 hits.
14—Downs Pirates again, 3-2, on 7 hits.
May 9—Shuts out Braves, 3-0, on 7 hits.
July 12—Turns back Dodgers, 4-3, on 5-hitter.
17—Loses 7-hitter to Cubs, 1-0.
Aug. 1—Hits grand slam in 6-hit win over Cubs.
13—Beats Braves, 3-2, with complete 9-hitter.

COMMENT—Down from 1958 peak but still an effective worker. Has deceptive motion, fine variety of "junk."

ROBERTS, ROBIN

Phillies (R, 6-1½, 190, 33, 12 yrs.)
G.–35 IP.–257 H.–267 BB.–35 SO.–137 W.–15 L.–17 ERA.–4.27
May 31—Shuts out Braves, 6-0, on 4 hits.
June 6—Goes 10 to down Cards, 4-3.
14—Fans 10 in 6-hit, 6-3 win over Giants.
20—Hurls 4-hitter to defeat Cubs, 6-3.
July 4—Beats Braves, 2-1, with 8-hitter.
21—Checks Pirates, 4-2, on 5 hits.
Aug. 4—Stops Cubs, 2-1, on 5 hits.
Sept. 6—Beats Pirates, 2-1, with 4-hitter and saving double play in 1:44 game.
11—Shuts out Giants, 1-0, on 3 hits.

COMMENT—Has come long way back from 1957 letdown. With stronger backing, could reach 20-victory class again.

SANFORD, JACK

Giants (R, 5-11½, 175, 30, 4 yrs.)
G.–36 IP.–222 H.–198 BB.–70 SO.–132 W.–15 L.–12 ERA.–3.16
April 18—Pitches 1-hitter to down Cards, 8-1.
26—Turns back Cubs, 3-2, on 4 hits.
May 24—Holds Dodgers to 5 hits in 6-1 victory.
June 7—Defeats Reds, 5-3, with 6-hitter.
11—Hit on hand against Pirates; out 3 weeks.
July 23—Beats Cards, 5-1, with 9-hitter.
Aug. 6—Downs Braves, 4-1, on 8 hits; fans 8.
9—Goes 10 to beat Reds, 4-3, on 5-hitter.
Sept. 13—Gives 5 hits in 8⅔ to beat Phils, 1-0.

COMMENTS—His midseason injury helped put pressure on undermanned Giant staff. Otherwise, lived up to expectations.

SHERRY, LARRY

Dodgers (R, 6-2, 192, 24, 2 yrs.)
G.–23 IP.–94 H.–75 BB.–43 SO.–72 W.–7 L.–2 2.20
Aug. 15—Pitches shutout relief for 8⅔ innings to beat Cards, 4-3, and RBIs 3 on HR, 2 1Bs.
Sept. 11—Fans 11 in 6-hit 4-0 win over Pirates.
25—Beats Cubs, 5-4, with scoreless relief job.
28—Holds Braves scoreless in 7⅔ innings of 4-hit relief to win first play-off, 3-2.

COMMENT—His stretch and Series work labels him as pitcher to watch. But still green and may need further seasoning.

SPAHN, WARREN

Braves (L, 6-0, 172, 39, 15 yrs.)
G.–40 IP.–292* H.–282 BB.–70 SO.–143 W.–21† L.–15 ERA.–2.96
April 10—Blanks Pirates, 8-0, on 7 hits.
30—Shuts out Cards, 1-0, on 6 hits.
May 13—Wins 250th game, downing Cards, 3-2.
31—Beats Phils, 2-1, with 4-hitter.
June 26—Hits HR in 11-hit, 11-1 win over Cubs.
27—Named to staff of N.L. All-Stars.
July 13—Shuts out Giants, 3-0, on 6 hits.
26—Blanks Pirates, 4-0, on 5 hits.
30—Wins No. 260, 6-2, with 5-hitter vs. Cubs.
Aug. 5—Pitches 3-hitter to beat Giants, 6-1.
Sept. 4—Stops Reds, 4-1, on 3 hits.
21—Goes 8 to beat Pirates, 8-6, to win 20 for 10th time and tie Rixey at 266 for most victories by a N.L. southpaw.
26—Wins record No. 267, 3-2, over Phils.

COMMENT—Apparently still sound of arm and legs, stands good chance of winning 300. Would profit, though, from working less. Lost too many in '59, probably from carrying too heavy a load.

WILLEY, CARLTON

Braves (R, 6-0, 180, 28, 2 yrs.)
G.–26 IP.–117 H.–126 BB.–31 SO.–51 W.–5 L.–9 ERA.–4.15
May 11—Downs Reds, 2-1, on 8 hits.
July 5—Shuts out Phils, 5-0, on 4 hits.
Aug. 22—Blanks Cubs, 7-0, on 6 hits.

COMMENT—Fell far short of rookie form of 1958. Will have to re-establish himself to stay in the majors.

1959 National League Pitchers Progress

Player	April 26	May 10	May 24	June 7	June 21	July 4	July 19	Aug. 2	Aug. 16	Aug. 30	Sept. 13	Final
Jones, San Francisco	1-2	2-4	3-5	5-5	8-6	9-8	13-9	14-10	15-11	17-12	19-12	21-15
Spahn, Milwaukee	2-0	3-3	5-4	7-6	8-8	10-8	11-10	14-10	15-11	16-13	19-13	21-15
Burdette, Milwaukee	3-0	5-1	7-2	8-4	10-5	11-7	12-9	14-10	16-11	18-13	19-14	21-15
Antonelli, San Francisco	3-0	4-2	5-2	7-3	10-3	12-4	14-4	14-6	16-6	18-7	19-8	19-10
Face, Pittsburgh	2-0	4-0	6-0	7-0	11-0	12-0	14-0	14-0	15-0	16-0	17-1	18-1
Law, Pittsburgh	1-1	2-1	4-1	5-3	7-4	9-5	10-5	11-7	13-7	15-7	16-9	18-9
Drysdale, Los Angeles	2-1	3-2	4-4	5-4	6-5	8-6	11-6	14-6	15-7	15-10	16-12	17-13
Hobbie, Chicago	2-0	3-2	5-3	6-5	6-6	9-6	10-7	11-8	12-9	12-11	14-12	16-13
Buhl, Milwaukee	0-0	0-0	2-2	4-3	6-5	6-5	6-5	8-6	9-8	11-8	12-9	15-9
Sanford, San Francisco	2-1	4-2	5-4	6-6	7-6	7-6	7-9	9-9	11-9	12-10	13-12	15-12
Roberts, Philadelphia	1-1	1-1	2-3	3-4	5-5	6-7	9-8	9-10	10-12	11-14	14-15	15-17
Podres, Los Angeles	2-1	3-2	4-2	6-2	7-3	8-4	8-5	8-7	9-7	12-7	13-8	14-9
McDaniel, St. Louis	1-2	1-3	2-5	3-7	5-8	6-9	8-10	9-10	12-11	14-11	14-12	14-12
Jackson, St. Louis	0-2	0-4	2-5	3-6	5-6	7-6	8-7	8-9	9-11	11-12	13-12	14-13
Newcombe, Cincinnati	0-3	1-3	3-4	5-4	7-4	9-4	9-5	10-5	10-6	12-7	13-7	13-8
Mizell, St. Louis	2-1	3-1	5-1	6-2	8-3	9-3	10-4	11-6	11-7	12-8	12-9	13-10
Purkey, Cincinnati	2-1	3-2	4-4	5-6	6-7	7-9	8-10	9-10	10-11	10-14	11-16	13-18
Conley, Philadelphia	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-3	4-3	6-4	7-6	9-7	11-7	12-7	12-7	12-7
Haddix, Pittsburgh	0-0	2-1	3-2	4-3	4-5	5-6	7-7	7-9	9-9	10-9	11-11	12-12
Owens, Philadelphia	0-1	1-2	1-3	4-3	4-4	4-7	5-8	7-8	8-10	10-11	11-11	12-12
Anderson, Chicago	1-0	2-1	2-3	3-4	3-6	4-7	5-7	7-7	8-8	11-9	12-10	12-13
McCormick, San Francisco	0-1	0-2	2-2	3-3	4-6	7-7	8-7	10-8	10-10	11-11	11-14	12-16
Craig, Los Angeles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	4-1	6-2	6-3	6-5	9-5	11-5
Kline, Pittsburgh	0-1	2-1	3-2	5-3	6-3	6-6	7-8	7-10	7-11	9-13	9-13	11-13
Elston, Chicago	0-0	0-1	3-1	4-1	4-1	5-1	5-2	5-4	6-5	6-6	7-7	10-8
McDevitt, Los Angeles	0-0	1-1	3-2	3-5	5-6	8-6	8-7	8-8	8-8	9-8	9-8	10-8

1959 National League Pitchers Summary

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Ninth	Tenth	N. L. Record
Games won	Spahn 21	Burdette 21	S. Jones 21	Antonelli 19	Face 18	Law 18	Drysdale 17	Hobbie 16	3 tied at 15		37 Mathewson New York, '08
Games lost	Friend 19	Purkey 18	Roberts 17	McCormick 16	Spahn 15	S. Jones 15	Burdette 15	5 tied at 13			29, Willis Boston, '05
W-L pct. (15 decisions)	Face .947 (18-1)	Craig .688 (11-5)	Law .667 (18-9)	Antonelli .655 (19-10)	Conley .632 (12-7)	Buhl .625 (15-9)	Newcombe .619 (13-8)	Podres .609 (14-9)	Brosnan .600 (9-6)	3 tied at .583	.889 (16-2) Fitzsimmons Brooklyn '40
E. R. A.	S. Jones 2.82	Miller 2.84	Buhl 2.86	Spahn 2.96	Law 2.98	Conley 3.00	Antonelli 3.10	Haddix 3.13	Sanford 3.16	Newcombe 3.16	1.22 Alexander Philadelphia, '15
Games pitched	Elston 65	Henry 65	McDaniel 62	McMahon 60	Miller 59	Face 57	Labine 56	S. Jones 50	Meyer 47	McCormick 47	74, Konstanty Philadelphia, '50
Complete games	Spahn 21	Burdette 20	Law 20	Roberts 19	Antonelli 17	Newcombe 17	S. Jones 16	Drysdale 15	Haddix 14	3 tied at 12	45, Willis Boston, '02
Innings pitched	Spahn 292	Burdette 290	Antonelli 282	Drysdale 271	S. Jones 271	Law 266	Roberts 257	Jackson 256	Anderson 235	Friend 235	434, McGinnity New York, '03
Hits off	Burdette 312	Spahn 282	Jackson 271	Friend 267	Roberts 267	Antonelli 247	Anderson 245	Law 245	Purkey 241	Drysdale 237	392, McGinnity New York, '03
Hits per 9 innings	Craig 7.18	Haddix 7.59	S. Jones 7.70	Hobbie 7.85	Drysdale 7.87	Cardwell 7.94	Conley 7.95	Sanford 8.02	Buhl 8.23	Owens 8.27	No record
Bases on balls	S. Jones 109	Hobbie 106	Drysdale 93	Koufax 92	Broglio 89	Mizell 98	McCormick 86	Williams 86	Anderson 77	Antonelli 76	185, Jones Chicago, '55
Bases on balls per 9 innings	Newcombe 1.09	Burdette 1.18	Roberts 1.23	Purkey 1.78	Law 1.79	Haddix 1.97	Friend 1.99	Hillman 2.03	Conley 2.10	Spahn 2.16	0.616 Adams Pittsburgh, '20
Strikeouts	Drysdale 242	S. Jones 209	Koufax 173	Antonelli 165	McCormick 151	Haddix 149	Jackson 145	Podres 145	Spahn 143	Hobbie 138	267, Mathewson New York, '03
Strikeouts per 9 innings	Koufax 10.18	Drysdale 8.04	S. Jones 6.94	Podres 6.69	Broglio 6.61	Cardwell 6.24	McCormick 6.01	Haddix 5.99	Owens 5.49	Sanford 5.35	10.18 Koufax Los Angeles, '59
Shutouts	S. Jones 4	Antonelli 4	Buhl 4	Craig 4	Drysdale 4	Spahn 4	5 tied at 3				16 Alexander Philadelphia, '16

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CHICAGO WHITE SOX

RECORD Pos. 1 W. 94 L. 60 Pct. .610 G.A. 5

	Clev.	N.Y.	Det.	Bos.	Bal.	K.C.	Wash.	Totals
W-L at home	6-5	8-3	5-6	7-4	6-5	7-4	8-3	47-30
W-L on road	9-2	5-6	8-3	7-4	5-6	5-6	8-3	47-30

April 10—Beat Tigers, 9-7, in 14 innings, 4 hour, 25 minute opener.
15—Bow to A's, 10-8, after winning 4 in row.
22—Score 11 runs in 7th to beat A's, 20-6.
May 1—In first place, after winning 5 of 6; get Lel Ennis from Reds.
8—Drop to fourth, on five straight losses.
3—Trade Ray Boone to the Athletics in exchange for Harry Simpson.
13—Buy Doby from Tigers.
17—Eight-game winning streak ended by Senators.
18—Take lead by beating Senators; drop back to second place next day.
June 2—In third after three straight losses.
4—Take lead by downing Orioles, 6-5, in 17 innings, longest game in majors to date.
20—Plunge to fifth on three straight losses to Yankees, two to Red Sox; back in second place next day.
July 16—Five straight wins put them on top.
19—Fall to second on four-game split with Yankees; seesaw in lead with Indians next 10 days.
28—Beat Yankees, 4-3, to launch 6-game winning streak that puts them in front to stay.
Aug. 6—Play 18-inning 1-1 tie with the Baltimore Orioles.
24—Down Yankees, 4-2, to clinch first season series with New York since 1925.
25—Get Kluszewski from Pirates in exchange for Simpson.
30—Leading by 5½ games after 4-game sweep against Indians—7-3, 2-0, 6-3, 9-4.
Sept. 2—Score 11 in 5th to beat Tigers, 11-4.
6—Losing 2 of 3 to Indians cuts lead to 4½.
11—Shut out by Orioles, 3-0, then 1-0 in 16 innings; first double blanking for Sox since 1953.
18—Beat Tigers, 1-0, for 35th 1-run victory.
22—Top Indians, 4-2, at Cleveland to clinch first pennant in 40 years.
29—Lopez ends rumors of possible resignation by accepting contract for 1960.

COMMENT—Tight defense, strong relief and offensive opportunism overcame skimpy first-line pitching and chronic lack of power. If Pierce and Donovan regain top form, they will be hard to beat. Strong down the middle; need bolstering at the corners. Bill Veeck, in his first year with the club brought in fireworks, and circuses, also gave the entire team the feeling that they weren't just playing without appreciation. The morale boost that Veeck injected into the entire operation was a strong psychological factor in the White Sox triumph. In Lopez, they also had one of the top managers in baseball today. He did a remarkable job in keeping the club going.

CLEVELAND INDIANS

RECORD Pos. 2 W. 89 L. 65 Pct. .578 G.B. 5

	Chi.	N.Y.	Det.	Bos.	Balt.	K.C.	Wash.	Totals
W-L at home	2-9	7-4	8-3	7-4	6-5	6-5	7-4	43-44
W-L on road	5-6	4-7	6-5	7-4	6-5	9-2	9-2	46-31

April 19—Lose to A's, 4-3, after six straight wins, but stay on top in standings.
May 16—Get Hamner from Phils in exchange for Humberto Robinson.
18—Beaten by Orioles, 3-0, drop from lead; regain it next day.
23—Buy Baxes from Seattle.
25—Get FitzGerald from Senators for Naragon, Woodeschick.
June 5—Fall from lead during 7-game losing streak; drop to third on June 7; get Jones from Phils.
15—Back in front on 7-game winning streak.
July 4—Setting pace by 2 games at 43-32.
16—Knocked out of lead by three straight losses to Yankees; jockey with White Sox next ten days.
28—Beaten 2 of 3 by Red Sox, knocked out of tie with Chisox; stay second rest of way.
30—Buy Harshman from Red Sox.
Aug. 26—Win 8th straight and trail by 1 game; then lose 4 in row to White Sox.
Sept. 9—Win 6 in row but remain 4½ games back.
14—Beat Yankees, 8-5, to clinch 2nd place.
18—Gordon announces resignation after criticism by Lane.
22—Eliminated from race by 4-2 loss to Chisox.
23—Lane rehires Gordon as manager for 1960 in biggest surprise of the year.

COMMENT—Made strong run for flag on power and good young pitching. Figure as contender again but infield remains uncertain. Will Lane-Gordon truce survive further stress? Only if there is a continued effort to bring more good young players into camp. They've got some beauties right now and Gordon can hardly wait to get them into the lineup.

NEW YORK YANKEES

RECORD Pos. 3 W. 79 L. 75 Pct. .513 G.B. 15

	Chi.	Clev.	Det.	Bos.	Balt.	K.C.	Wash.	Totals
W-L at home	6-5	7-4	3-8	6-5	3-8	9-2	6-5	40-37
W-L on road	3-8	4-7	5-6	3-8	7-4	8-3	9-2	39-38

April 26—Tied for fifth, at 6-7, after losing four straight, three to Orioles.
May 1—Lose Mantle for week with broken finger.
3—In seventh place after dropping 3 straight to White Sox, 2 in row to Tigers.
7—Skowron injures right thigh in Coliseum benefit against Dodgers before record 93,103 crowd.
20—Drop to cellar for first time since May 25, 1940, during four-game losing streak.
26—Get Lopez and Terry for Kucks, Sturdivant and Lumpe in fourteenth deal with A's since 1955.
31—Rise to sixth on four straight victories.
June 5—Sixth again on another four-game spurt, after dropping back to seventh.
10—Rise to fourth, but only for one day.
20—Fourth again after five straight wins, including three over White Sox.
July 1—Third, after more see-sawing.
4—Fourth, with 40-37 record, at halfway mark.
13—Fifth, after 5 straight losses to Red Sox.
11—Skowron reinjures back, out for season; Turley hurts shoulder in collision with Howard, out for nearly month.
Aug. 10—After see-sawing between third and sixth, take third on three straight extra-inning victories over A's during 6-game winning streak.
Sept. 8—Eliminated when White Sox win from A's.
9—Beat A's, 4-0, in 1:36 game at Stadium.
10—Take third for keeps by downing A's again.
27—Announce Stengel's retention as manager; release pitching coach Jim Turner.

COMMENT—Injuries, particularly to Skowron, hurt. But failure of Ford and Turley to provide usual stopper pitching and sub-par seasons by McDougald and Mantle, among others, were more damaging. They never were able to muster a real move in defense of their title. Enough talent remains to regain top but mound staff and outfield need remodeling. Stengel, in what may be his last year, will want to win more badly than ever, but for the first time in ages, the Yankees may not be pre-season runaway favorites to win the American League race.

DETROIT TIGERS

RECORD Pos. 4 W. 76 L. 78 Pct. .494 G.B. 18

	Chi.	Clev.	N.Y.	Bos.	Balt.	K.C.	Wash.	Totals
W-L at home	3-8	5-6	6-5	5-6	6-5	9-2	7-4	41-36
W-L on road	6-5	3-8	8-3	6-5	3-8	6-5	3-8	35-42

April 18—Beat White Sox, 5-2, after losing first six games.
26—In cellar, with 1-12 record, as first stand against East opens.
May 2—Fire Bill Norman, hire Jimmy Dykes as manager; trade Hoeft to Red Sox for Sisler and Lepcio; in last place, with 2-15 record.
20—Out of cellar for first time since April 12.
30—In sixth place, with 19-23 record.
June 7—Reach .500, at 25-25, take fourth place.
14—Third, after 6-of-7 spurt.
18—Kaline breaks cheekbone and is out of action for better part of 2 weeks.
July 4—Fifth, with 40-39 record, as 6-game losing streak starts.
18—Sixth, after another six-game losing streak.
Sept. 1—Third, at 66-65, after five wins in row.
10—Drops to fourth and stay there rest of way.
21—Dykes rehired for 1960.

COMMENT—Poor getaway killed hopes of making race. Have nucleus to be contender, but need help at short and first, also pitching depth. Kaline's shift to center improved outfield and Yost, at third, helped infield. They don't need much to get up there high. With Dykes at helm and new general manager Bill DeWitt calling the shots, they could even win it all.

BOSTON RED SOX

RECORD Pos. 5 W. 75 L. 79 Pct. .487 G.B. 19

	Chi.	Clev.	N.Y.	Det.	Balt.	K.C.	Wash.	Totals
W-L at home	4-7	4-7	8-3	5-6	8-3	7-4	7-4	43-34
W-L on road	4-7	4-7	5-6	6-5	6-5	4-7	3-8	32-45

April 26—Finish first cycle against Eastern foes tied for fifth with 6-7 record.
May 2—Get Hoeft from Tigers for Sisler, Lepcio.
12—Williams, who injured neck in pre-season training, makes first start. Ted never does get going full blast.
21—Get Avila from Orioles.
30—Tied for sixth place, with 19-23 record.
June 11—Get Hyde and Plews from Senators for Wall and Consolo; Hyde-Wall exchange later voided because of Hyde's bad arm.
14—Trade Hoeft to Orioles in exchange for Jack Harshman.
21—In cellar after 3-2 loss to White Sox; bounce back to sixth next day.
30—Sink to basement again during losing streak that reaches 7 in row.
July 3—Billy Jurges signed as manager after Mike Higgins is fired.
11—Rise to seventh on 4-game sweep over Yanks.
18—Fall to cellar again, then lose 6 in row.
21—Pumpsie Green, first Negro to play for Red Sox, makes debut; finishes season at second base.
29—Quit cellar for good by beating Indians, 4-1.
Aug. 5—Roll up 17-6 score against A's.
29—Take sixth place on four-victory spurt.
Sept. 27—Win last five games to finish fifth.

COMMENT—The only bright spot was their 35-25 record for last two months. Need extensive rebuilding to be a contender. Young pitchers, Geiger in outfield and Green in infield offer encouragement but they remain skimpy in too many places. Williams is probably through as an important factor.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES

RECORD Pos. 6 W. 74 L. 80 Pct. .481 G.B. 20

	Chi.	Clev.	N.Y.	Det.	Bos.	K.C.	Wash.	Totals
W-L at home	6-5	5-6	4-7	8-3	5-6	4-7	6-5	38-39
W-L on road	5-6	5-6	8-3	5-6	3-8	4-7	6-5	36-41

April 26—Begin inter-divisional play tied for second with 9-5 record.
May 26—Trade Green to Senators in exchange for Pearson, 1958 rookie of the year in the A. L.
30—Third, with 24-21 record.
June 7—Second, after Wilhelm beats A's for his ninth victory in row.
9—Take lead by downing Indians, 7-3; lose it next day.
14—Trade Harshman to Red Sox for Hoeft.
July 4—Third, with 41-36 record.
25—Lose 6 in row, sink to .500 level.
Aug. 6—Go 18 innings to 1-1 tie with White Sox.
23—Drop to fifth, at 59-62, on 3 losses in row; bounce back to third, then fall again to fifth.
Sept. 11—Score double shut-out over White Sox, 3-0, then 1-0 in 16 innings.
Sept. 27—Drop three of last five games and finish sixth.

COMMENT—With so many stop-gap players, couldn't hope for much better. Development of youngsters like Pappas, Walker, Robinson and Tasby brightens picture but still more help is needed, particularly in the hitting department where the Birds are weakest. With a strong bat to complement Woodling, and another good year from the aging former Yankee outfielder, the Orioles can last all night. They managed to beat the front-runners but lost out to the patsies in the league. If they can improve their record over the tailenders, they could be in serious contention all the way in 1960.

KANSAS CITY ATHLETICS

RECORD Pos. 7 W. 66 L. 88 Pct. .429 G.B. 28

	Chi.	Clev.	N.Y.	Det.	Bos.	Balt.	Wash.	Totals
W-L at home	6-5	2-9	3-8	5-6	7-4	7-4	7-4	37-40
W-L on road	4-7	5-6	2-9	2-9	4-7	7-4	5-6	29-48

April 22—Routed by White Sox, 20-6, as pitchers yield 13 passes.
April 26—Open first home stand against East in fourth place, with 7-6 record.
May 3—Trade Simpson to White Sox for Boone; rise to second-place tie by winning 3 of 4; drop back next day.
10—Sink to seventh on six straight defeats.
20—Bounce back into fourth place.
23—Hand White Sox a 16-0 walloping.
26—Trade Lopez and Terry to Yankees for Kucks, Sturdivant and Lumpe.
30—Still fourth, with 19-21 record.
June 19—Sixth, after losing seven in row.
26—Fall into cellar, bounce out, then back in.
July 4—Seventh, with a 33-42 record.
21—With A's on winning streak, Manager Harry Craft succumbs to "fatigue" for a few days.
31—Streak, which reaches season's high of 11 victories, snapped by Yankees, 11-2; A's in third place.
Aug. 9—Drop to sixth on six straight losses.
Sept. 11—Sunk in seventh place as a result of 13 straight defeats.
28—Release Craft as manager.

COMMENT—Making progress toward building a sound club but it's a slow process. Maris shapes up as a future star and Daley's big year improves pitching outlook. New manager of the club, Bob Elliott, a former big league third baseman inherits plenty of problems. He's taking his managerial cues from a former manager of his, Billy Southworth, whom he was under while playing for the Braves.

WASHINGTON SENATORS

RECORD Pos. 8 W. 63 L. 91 Pct. .409 G.B. 31

	Chi.	Clev.	N.Y.	Det.	Bos.	Balt.	K.C.	Totals
W-L at home	3-8	2-9	2-9	8-3	8-3	5-6	6-5	34-43
W-L on road	3-8	4-7	5-6	4-7	4-7	5-6	4-7	29-48

April 28—Begin play with West in seventh place with 6-8 record.
May 2—Set club record of 5 HRs in 15-3 rout of Tigers.
6—Take third by winning 7 of 10 in West.
25—Trade FitzGerald to Indians for Naragon, Woodeschick.
30—Fifth, with 21-25 record; drop to seventh next day.
June 14—In cellar after five straight losses; in and out of it the rest of season.
July 4—Sixth, with a 36-41 record.
11—Killebrew hits HR No. 30, leads Ruth's record pace of 1927; he can't hold it.
Aug. 6—Clevenger shuts out Indians, 9-0, to end 18-game losing streak that locks basement door.
Sept. 5—Lemon sets club record by hitting 2 HRs in one inning in 14-2 rout of Red Sox.
7—Score 7 runs in 10th to beat Orioles, 8-1.
27—Killebrew hits HR No. 42 to tie Colavito of Indians for league title; Cookie Lavagetto rehired as manager for 1960.

COMMENT—Emergence of Killebrew and Allison as slugging stars, plus pitching of Pascual and Ramos, made it a livelier season than usual. But they remain an incurable have-not club. It's hard to see what can be done about it. Cookie Lavagetto has been rehired as manager and hopes that with a little infield help he might be able to try for a first division spot. He'll also need more than a little bit of luck.

Here is a handy reference chart showing the standings of AL teams during the 1959 pennant race. Large numbers indicate the place held by each team on the given date.

1959 American League Team Progress

	APRIL 26	MAY 10	MAY 24	JUNE 7	JUNE 21	JULY 4	JULY 19	AUG. 2	AUG. 16	AUG. 30	SEPT. 13	FINAL
CHICAGO	3	4	2	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
	W-7 L-5 Behind 3	W-12 L-11 Behind 3½	W-23 L-14 Behind ½	W-28 L-22 Behind 0	W-33 L-30 Behind 1½	W-41 L-34 Behind 1	W-51 L-37 Behind 0	W-60 L-40 Behind 0	W-69 L-44 Behind 0	W-78 L-49 Behind 0	W-88 L-55 Behind 0	W-94 L-60 Behind 0
CLEVELAND	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
	W-10 L-2 Behind 0	W-15 L-7 Behind 0	W-22 L-12 Behind 0	W-25 L-22 Behind 1½	W-33 L-27 Behind 0	W-41 L-32 Behind 0	W-49 L-37 Behind 1	W-59 L-43 Behind 2	W-67 L-49 Behind 3½	W-75 L-53 Behind 3½	W-83 L-58 Behind 4	W-89 L-65 Behind 5
NEW YORK	4	7	8	6	4	4	4	6	4	3	3	3
	W-6 L-5 Behind 3½	W-9 L-13 Behind 6	W-13 L-20 Behind 8½	W-23 L-24 Behind 3½	W-32 L-29 Behind 1½	W-39 L-36 Behind 3	W-44 L-45 Behind 7½	W-49 L-52 Behind 11½	W-57 L-58 Behind 13	W-64 L-65 Behind 15	W-71 L-70 Behind 16	W-79 L-75 Behind 15
DETROIT	8	8	7	5	2	5	6	5	5	3	4	4
	W-1 L-11 Behind 9	W-8 L-16 Behind 8	W-14 L-21 Behind 8½	W-24 L-25 Behind 3½	W-34 L-29 Behind ½	W-40 L-37 Behind 3	W-43 L-49 Behind 10	W-51 L-54 Behind 11½	W-57 L-60 Behind 14	W-64 L-65 Behind 15	W-71 L-71 Behind 16½	W-76 L-78 Behind 18
BOSTON	5	6	6	8	6	8	8	7	7	6	6	5
	W-6 L-6 Behind 4	W-10 L-12 Behind 5	W-15 L-20 Behind 7½	W-21 L-27 Behind 6	W-28 L-34 Behind 6	W-31 L-43 Behind 10½	W-39 L-49 Behind 12	W-44 L-58 Behind 17	W-53 L-62 Behind 17	W-60 L-69 Behind 19	W-66 L-76 Behind 21½	W-75 L-79 Behind 19
BALTIMORE	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	5	5	6
	W-7 L-5 Behind 3	W-14 L-10 Behind 2	W-21 L-16 Behind 2½	W-27 L-24 Behind 1½	W-34 L-30 Behind 1	W-40 L-36 Behind 2½	W-47 L-43 Behind 5	W-52 L-52 Behind 10	W-57 L-57 Behind 12½	W-61 L-65 Behind 16½	W-69 L-72 Behind 18	W-74 L-80 Behind 20
KANSAS CITY	5	5	4	4	7	7	7	3	6	7	7	7
	W-6 L-6 Behind 4	W-11 L-13 Behind 5	W-16 L-18 Behind 6	W-24 L-23 Behind 2½	W-27 L-33 Behind 6	W-32 L-41 Behind 9	W-39 L-48 Behind 11½	W-51 L-50 Behind 9½	W-54 L-62 Behind 16½	W-59 L-69 Behind 19½	W-60 L-80 Behind 26½	W-66 L-88 Behind 28
WASHINGTON	7	3	5	7	8	6	5	8	8	8	8	8
	W-5 L-8 Behind 5½	W-14 L-11 Behind 2½	W-18 L-21 Behind 6½	W-23 L-28 Behind 5½	W-27 L-36 Behind 7½	W-35 L-40 Behind 7	W-42 L-46 Behind 9	W-43 L-60 Behind 18½	W-47 L-69 Behind 23½	W-51 L-77 Behind 27½	W-58 L-84 Behind 29½	W-63 L-91 Behind 31

1959 American League Teams Summary

	Batting averages	Runs	Opp. runs	Hits	Doubles	Triples	Home runs	Opp. HR's	Total Bases	RBI	Left on bases	Stolen bases	Fielding average	Double plays	Errors	Compl. games pitched	Shutout Wins	Shutout defeats	One run Wins	One run Defeats	Longest winning streak	Longest losing streak
Chicago W. Sox	.250	669	588*	1325	220	46*	97**	129	1928	620	1152	113*	.979*	139	130	44	W-13	L-8	34*	15*	8 Games 5/9-5/16	5* Games 5/2-5/8 6/14-6/20
Cleve. Indians	.263*	745*	646	1390	216	25	167*	148	2157	682*	995*	33**	.978	137	127	58*	W-7**	L-9	30	24	8 Games 8/19-8/26	7 Games 5/30-6/6
N. Y. Yanks	.260	687	647	1397*	224	40	153	120	2160*	651	1103	45	.978	154	131	38**	W-15*	L-14**	23	24	6 Games 8/6-8/11	5* Games 4/30-5/3 7/9-7/13 8/1 -8/16
Detroit Tigers	.258	713	732	1346	196	30	160	177**	2082	667	1161**	34	.978	127**	124*	53	W-9	L-9	17	26	5 Games 5/24-5/30 8/26-9/1	6 Games 4/10-4/17 4/21-4/26 7/12-7/18
Boston R. Sox	.256	726	696	1335	248*	28	125	135	2014	671	1156	68	.978	162*	131	38**	W-9	L-7*	25	25	5 Games 7/9-7/13 9/22-9/27	7 Games 6/28-7/4
Balt. Orioles	.238	551**	621	1240	182	23**	109	111*	1795**	506**	1126	36	.976	160	146	45	W-15*	L-14**	25	19	4** Games 4/16-4/19 4/23-4/29	6 Games 7/21-7/26
K. C. A'S	.263	681	760**	1383	231	43	117	148	2051	638	1092	34	.973**	152	160	44	W-8	L-12	21	8 27**	11* Games 7/19-7/30	13 Games 8/26-9/10
Wash. Sen.	.237**	619	701	1205**	173**	32	163	123	1931	579	998	51	.973**	139	162**	46	W-10	L-12	11**	26	4** Games 6/28-7/2	18** Games 7/19-8/5
A. L. Records	.316 Det., '21	1067 N. Y., '31	445 Phil., '10	1724 Det., '21	358 Cleve., '30	112 Balt., '01 Bost., '03	190 N. Y., '56	187 K. C., '56	2703 N. Y., '36	995 N. Y., '36	925 K. C., '57	288 Wash., '13	.983 Cleve., '47, '49	217 Phila., '49	103 Cleve. '49	148 Bost., '04	30 Chic., '06	0 N. Y., '32			19 games Chic., '06 N. Y., '47	20 games Bost., '06 Phila, '16, '43

AL BATTERS

ALLISON, BOB

Senators (OF, R-R, 6-3, 215, 25, 1 yr.)
G.–150 R.–83 H.–149 HR.–30 RBI.–85 Avg.–.261
April 16—Hits 3-run HR in 7-5 win over Red Sox.
May 6— Beats White Sox, 6-4, with grand slam.
27—Gets 3 hits as Senators down Orioles, 6-0.
June 2—Gets HR, 1B, SB in 3-2 win over Indians.
5—Goes 5-for-5 with 2 HRs in loss to Tigers.
9—RBI's 3 with 2 HRs in 7-4 win.
24—Gets 3 hits in 4-2 victory over White Sox.
July 4—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 10-6 win over Yankees.
11—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs in 9-3 rout of Red Sox.
14—Hits HR, 1B in 4-2 victory over Tigers.
15—RBIs 2 on 2 2Bs in 3-0 win over Tigers.
19—Hits HRs No. 24-25 in split with A's.
27—Added to A.L. squad for 2nd All-Star game.
Aug. 30—Hits HR, 1B in 3-1 win over Yankees.

SUMMARY—Tailed off slightly toward end but had fine rookie year. His power and speed label him a potential star.

APARICIO, LUIS

White Sox (SS, R-R, 5-8, 155, 26, 4 yrs.)
G.–152 R.–98 H.–157 HR.–6 RBI.–51 Avg.–.257
April 11—Hits HR, 1B in 5-3 win over Tigers.
14—Gets 3 hits, RBIs 2 in 2-0 win over A's.
15—Hits 2 2Bs in 10-8 victory over A's.
22—Goes 4-4-3, with 3-run HR in rout of A's.
30—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 victory over Yankees.
May 20—Gets 4 hits as Sox down Orioles, 5-2.
June 7—Gets 3 hits in 9-4 win over Red Sox.
27—Named to start at short for A.L. All-Stars.
July 1—Gets 2 hits, 2 runs, 2RBIs, 2 SBs in 6-5 victory over Indians.
4—Singles, steals, scores run that beats A's.
30—Gets 2 hits, 2 runs, SB in 3-1 win over N.Y.
Aug. 2—Leads 3-2 win over Nats with 2B, 1B.
18—Gets 3 hits, 3 runs, SB in 6-4 win over Balt.
24—Gets 2B, 2 SBs, 2 runs in 4-2 win over N.Y.
Sept. 8—Beats A's, 3-2, with RBI 1B in 10th.
27—Steals 2 against Tigers to reach 56 SBs.

COMMENT—White Sox lean heavily on his brilliant fielding and base-running. Unchallenged as No. 1 American League shortstop.

ASPROMONTE, KEN

Senators (IF, R-R, 6-0, 175, 27, 3 yrs.)
G.–70 R.–31 H.–55 HR.–2 RBI.–14 Avg.–.244
July 16—Gets 3 hits in 5-2 win over Tigers.
19—Hits 2 2Bs in 7-0 rout of A's.
Aug. 18—Hits 2 2Bs in 11-4 win over Indians.
23—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 7-3 win over A's.

COMMENT—Improved over 1958 but must show more at bat to get really established.

BAUER, HANK

Yankees (OF, R-R, 6-0, 185, 37, 12 yrs.)
G.–114 R.–44 H.–81 HR.–9 RBI.–39 Avg.–.238
April 18—RBIs 3 with 150th HR, 2B, 1B in 16-7 rout of Red Sox.
21—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 11-4 win over Senators.
June 16—Gets 2 hits in 4-1 win over Chisox.
19—Beats Indians, 3-2, with RBI 1B.
July 19—Hits 2-run HR in 6-4 win over Chisox.
Aug. 7—Hits HR in 3-0 victory over A's.
29—Hits 2-run pinch HR in 9-5 win over Nats.
Sept. 13—Beats Indians, 1-0, with RBI in 7th.

COMMENT—The years are ganging up on this long-time Yankee stalwart. This may be the last time around, the way his average dropped.

BAXES, JIM

Indians (3B, R-R, 6-1, 190, 31, 1 yr.)
G.–77 R.–35 H.–59 HR.–15 RBI.–34 Avg.–.239
April 15—Playing for Dodgers, hits first major league HR in 5-0 win over Cards.
16—Hits 3-run HR in 7-3 victory over Cards.
May 23—Bought by Indians from Spokane after being sent down by Dodgers.
June 28—Beats Bosox, 1-0, with HR in 7th.
July 3—Hits 2-run HR in 8-4 win over A's.
26—Beats Nats, 4-3, with 2nd 2B in 11th.
28—Hits HR, 1B in 5-2 win over Bosox.
Aug. 12—Hits HR, 2B in 9-4 win over A's.
13—Hits 2 2Bs as Indians beat A's again.
19—Beats Nats, 5-4, with HR, 3 RBIs.
21—RBIs 2, scores 2 in 5-0 win over Orioles.

COMMENT—After 12 years in minors, may at last stick. His power makes him useful.

BECQUER, JULIO

Senators (1B, L-L, 6-0, 172, 27, 4 yrs.)
G.–108 R.–20 H.–59 HR.–1 RBI.–26 Avg.–.268
May 29—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs as Nats beat Bosox, 7-6.
July 4—Spoils Turley no-hitter with scratch pinch 1B in 9th in 7-0 loss to Yankees.
Aug. 12—Beats Yankees, 3-2, with 3-run HR.
25—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 3-1 win over Tigers.
Sept. 11—Beats Indians, 5-4 with pinch 1B.

COMMENT—Hasn't hit enough to stay in line-up but has good record as pinch-hitter.

BERRA, YOGI

Yankees (C-OF, L-R, 5-7½, 195, 34, 14 yrs.)
G.–131 R.–64 H.–134 HR.–19 RBI.–69 Avg.–.284
May 10—Breaks major league catching record with 148th straight errorless game, hits HR in 3-2 win over Senators. Streak ends at 149 games.
20—Playing right, hits 2 HRs in loss to Tigers.
24—Hits 3-run HR, 2 1Bs in 9-0 rout of Orioles.
June 3—Hits 2-run HR in 6-5 win over Tigers.
19—Gets 1200th RBI on 1B.
30—Beats Orioles, 4-1, with 2-run 1B.
July 8—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 11-5 win over Bosox.
16—Paces sweep over Indians with HR, 2B, 2 1Bs.
25—Beats Tigers, 9-8, with 2-run HR in 9th.
29—Ties White Sox, 4-4, with 2-run HR in rain.
Aug. 7—Hits HR in 3-0 win over A's.
9—Ties A's with 300th HR (pinch); Yanks win.
18—Leads 5-3 win over Tigers with 2-run HR, 1B.
Sept. 2—Beats Senators, 4-3, with 2-run HR in 8th.
6—Hits HR, RBIs 3 in 5-4 win over Orioles.

COMMENT—Raised average to normal after two subpar years and added to reputation as

clutch hitter. Reaching point where he should cut down work load.

BERTOIA, RENO

Senators (IF, R-R, 5-11½, 185, 25, 7 yrs.)
G.–90 R.–33 H.–73 HR.–8 RBI.–29 Avg.–.237
April 9—Hits HR, 1B in 9-2 rout of Orioles.
16—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 7-5 win over Bosox.
23—Beats Yankees, 3-2, with RBI 1B.
May 2—Gets 3 hits in 15-3 rout of Tigers.
17—Hit HR, 1B in 4-2 win over Chisox.
June 17—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 7-2 win over A's.

COMMENT—Acquired from Tigers in Yost-Bridges trade, had shot at regular job but couldn't hold it. Youth and power will get him another trial but he's running out of chances.

BOLLING, FRANK

Tigers (2B, R-R, 6-1, 175, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.–127 R.–56 H.–122 HR.–13 RBI.–55 Avg.–.266
May 3—Hits HR as Tigers down Yankees, 4-2.
8—Beats A's, 5-4, with 2-run 3B, run in 9th.
18—Hits HR, 2 1Bs, scores 5 in rout of Bosox.
July 11—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in win over Nats.
Aug. 20—RBIs 5 on 2 HRs, 1B in rout of Yanks.
Sept. 6—Hits 2-run HR, 2 1Bs in win over A's.
12—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs as Tigers top Yanks, 4-0.

COMMENT—Solid fielder and stinging hitter who ranks just a notch below the best.

BOYD, BOB

Orioles (1B, L-L, 5-9½, 168, 33, 7 yrs.)
G.–128 R.–42 H.–110 HR.–3 RBI.–.41 Avg.–.265
April 9—Starts, ends triple play vs. Nats.
19—Gets 3 hits in 7-5 win over Nats.
May 1—Gets 3 hits in 6-3 win over Orioles.
June 13—Beats Chisox, 6-4, with 2-run HR.
July 9—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 5-0 win over Nats.
Aug. 19—Beats Chisox, 3-1, with 2-run 1B.

COMMENT—Big drop in average hints he may be through as regular. But he's a handy hitter who should continue to be useful.

BRIDGES, ROCKY

Tigers (IF, R-R, 5-8, 175, 32, 9 yrs.)
G.–116 R.–38 H.–102 HR.–3 RBI.–35 Avg.–.268
May 19—RBIs 3 in 6-3 win over Yanks.
23—Hits 2-run HR in 6-4 win over Indians.
June 8—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 6-3 win over Bosox.
10—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 10-9 win over Bosox.
25—Hits grand slam in 10-5 win over Bosox.
28—Gets 3 hits in 7-2 win over Orioles.
July 1—Gets 3 hits as Tigers down A's, 5-4.
10—Hits 2 2Bs in 5-2 victory over A's.

COMMENT—Obtained from Senators with Yost, started at short but, nagged by injuries, wound up on bench. A great hustler and versatile, he's a good man to have around.

BUDDIN, DON

Red Sox (SS, R-R, 5-11, 178, 25, 3 yrs.)
G.–151 R.–75 H.–117 HR.–10 RBI.–53 Avg.–.241
May 10—Beats Orioles, 3-2, with HR in 10th.
30—Goes 3-for-3 in 5-4 win over Orioles.
June 13—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs in 6-1 victory over A's.
24—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 4-2 win over Tigers.
July 11—Beats Yankees, 8-4, with grand slam.

COMMENT—Low-average hitter but has fair power and a good glove.

CAREY, ANDY

Yankees (3B, R-R, 6-1, 190, 28, 8 yrs.)
G.–41 R.–11 H.–26 HR.–3 RBI.–9 Avg.–.223
April 18—RBIs 4 on HR, 3 1Bs in rout of Bosox.
May 9—Down with virus, out three weeks.
27—Hits HR in 3-2 victory over Red Sox.
Aug. 15—Returns to active list after lay-off since June 8 with more illness.

COMMENT—Plagued by injury and illness, played little. A crack fielder and fair hitter, with power, he's tempting trade bait if the Yankees can't use him.

CARRASQUEL, CHICO

Orioles (SS, R-R, 6-0, 170, 32, 10 yrs.)
G.–114 R.–28 H.–77 HR.–4 RBI.–28 Avg.–.223
April 19—Beaned by Hyde in loss to Senators.
25—Beats Yankees, 2-1, with pinch 1B in 11th.
May 3—Hits HR in 10th in 4-2 win over Chisox.
10—Hit by throw vs. Bosox, gets cut eye.
June 9—Hits 2-run HR in 7-3 win over Indians.
18—Beats Tigers, 7-6, with 1B after 2-run HR.

COMMENT—Once a top shortstop, has slipped.

CERV, BOB

A's (OF, R-R, 6-0, 205, 33, 9 yrs.)
G.–125 R.–61 H.–132 HR.–20 RBI.–87 AVG.–.285
April 16—Hits 2-run HR in 6-0 win over Chisox.
24—RBIs 4 with 2 1Bs in rout of Tigers.
26—Beats Tigers, 4-3, with 3-run inside-park HR.
May 10—Hit on thumb by Foytack; out awhile.
June 20—Hits 2 HRs in 6-2 win over Orioles.
July 3—Hits grand slam but Indians win, 8-4.
9—Leads 4-0 win over Tigers with HR, 2B.
15—Beats Chisox, 2-1, with 2 RBIs.
20—Hits 3 HRs, 6 RBIs, in 11-10 loss to Bosox.

COMMENT—A heavy-handed thumper who has come through nobly in clutch since getting chance to play regularly with A's.

CHITI, HARRY

A's (C, R-R, 6-2½, 221, 27, 7 yrs.)
G.–55 R.–20 H.–44 HR.–5 RBI.–25 Avg.–.272
April 18—Breaks finger in batting practice.
June 12—Beats Red Sox, 3-2, with 3-run HR.
18—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B but Senators win, 7-5.
July 14—Beats Orioles, 1-0, on 2B in 9th.
17—RBIs 3 with 2B, 1B in 7-4 win over Nats.
26—Beats Red Sox, 5-4, with HR in 8th.

COMMENT—After years of ups and downs, seems to have it made with A's.

COLAVITO, ROCKY

Indians (OF, R-R, 6-3, 195, 26, 5 yrs.)
G.–154 R.–90 H.–151 HR.–42 RBI.–111 Avg.–.257
April 22—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in rout of Tigers.
May 8—Beats White Sox, 3-1, with 2-run HR.
12—Gets HR, 2 2Bs, 1B in 7-6 win over Yanks.
16—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs, 1B in 12-6 win over Bosox.
June 10—Wallops 4 HRs (8th in majors to do it) for 6 RBIs in 11-8 victory over Orioles.
11—Beats Orioles, 2-1, with 2B in 8th.
13—Hits grand slam in 8-7 win over Yanks.
21—Hits HR in each game of sweep vs. Yanks.
27—Named to start in right for A.L. All-Stars.
30—Hits HR, 1B in 3-1 win over White Sox.
July 10—RBIs 3 on 3 1Bs in 8-4 win over Chisox.
12—Hits 2 HRs, RBIs 4 in 8-4 win over Tigers.
26—Hits HR #30 to lead 4-3 win over Senators.
Aug. 6—Beats Nats, 5-2, with 2-run HR in 8th.
10—Hits HR, 2B, 2 1Bs in 6-4 win over A's.
25—Hits 2 HRs, RBIs 4 in 6-3 win over Yanks.
26—Beats Yanks again, 5-4, with HR #38.
Sept. 7—Hits No. 40 in 6-5 win over Tigers.

COMMENT—Slipped 46 points in average but held up in power and RBIs. One of mightiest sluggers, future seems bright.

COURTNEY, CLINT

Senators (C, L-R, 5-8, 180, 33, 9 yrs.)
G.–72 R.–19 H.–44 HR.–2 RBI.–18 Avg.–.233
April 25—RBIs 2 on 2B, 1B, in 8-4 win.
May 9—Goes on disabled list with mumps.
June 13—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 8-7 loss to Indians.
Aug. 16—RBIs 2 on 3B, 1B in 6-1 rout of Orioles.

COMMENT—Aggressive battler who does good job behind and at plate.

DE MAESTRI, JOE

A's (SS, R-R, 6-0, 170, 31, 9 yrs.)
G.–118 R.–31 H.–86 HR.–6 RBI.–34 Avg.–.244
April 15—Beaned by Latman of Chisox.
30—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 win over Orioles.
May 23—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs as A's rout Chisox.
June 1—Beats Chisox, 3-1, on HR, 3B, 2 RBIs.
11—Gets 3 hits as A's down Yankees, 9-5.
27—RBIs 2 on 2B, SF in 5-4 win over Nats.
July 2—Hits HR, 1B in 6-4 win over Indians.

COMMENT—A solid player, in a quiet way.

FOX, NELLIE

White Sox (2B, L-R, 5-10, 160, 32, 13 yrs.)
G–*156 R.–84 H.–191 HR.–2 RBI.–70 AVG.–.306
April 10—Gets 5 hits, including HR that beats Tigers, 9-7, in 14th (had no HRs in 1958).
22—RBIs 5 on 4 hits in 20-6 rout of A's.
29—Gets 4 hits in 4-1 loss to Yankees.
May 17—Gets 4 hits in 10-7 win over Senators.
June 14—RBIs 4 in 9-6 win over Orioles.
27—Named to start at 2B for A.L. All-Stars.
July 2—Gets 4 hits in 9-7 loss to Tigers.
11—RBIs 3 on 2B, 1B in 8-3 win over A's.
22—Goes 4-3-3 in 5-4 win over Red Sox.
24—Ties Orioles with 3B in 8th; Sox win.
28—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 win over Yankees.
Aug. 12—RBIs 3, scores 3 in rout of Tigers.
13—RBIs 3, stars afield in win over Tigers.
18—Beats Orioles, 6-4, with 2-run 2B in 8th.
27—Gets 3 hits in 5-1 victory over Red Sox.
Sept. 2—RBIs 4 on 3B, 1B in 11-run rally in 5th that beat Tigers, 11-4.
15—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 win over Yankees.
Nov. 12—Named A.L. MVP.

COMMENT—Sparkplug of White Sox since 1951. Busy hitter, sound fielder, good runner and, most of all, a battler who never lets down.

FRANCONA, TITO

Indians (1B-OF, L-L, 5-11, 185, 26, 4 yrs.)
G.–122 R.–68 H.–145 HR.–20 RBI.–79 AVG.–.363
March 21—Obtained from Tigers for Doby.
May 1—Beats Yankees, 4-2, with 3-run HR.
June 7—Gets 5 hits in split with Yankees.
25—Hits 2 HRs, 2 1Bs in 3-2 win over Orioles.
28—Beats Red Sox, 5-4, with 1B in 7th.
July 4—Beats Tigers, 12-9, on HR in 11th.
5—Goes 4-for-4 in 5-4 win over Tigers.
10—Gets 4 1Bs, 3 RBIs in 8-4 win over Chisox.
19—RBIs 3 on 2 2Bs in 5-3 win over Red Sox.
21—Hits 2-run HR, 2B in 5-1 win over Yanks.
23—Gets 3 hits, hurts leg in win over Yanks.
Aug. 2—Gets 7 hits in split with Orioles.
4—RBIs 4 on HR, 3B in 8-2 win over Nats.
15—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs, 1B, SF in loss to Tigers.
23—Beats Red Sox, 1-0, with HR.
Sept. 5—Hits 2-run HR in 6-5 win over Chisox.
20—Hits 2-run HR in 4-3 win over A's.

COMMENT—1959's hitting sensation, his bat helped keep Indians in race. Always a good prospect, may have it made now.

GARDNER, BILLY

Orioles (2B, R-R, 6-0, 180, 32, 6 yrs.)
G.–140 R.–34 H.–87 HR.–6 RBI.–27 AVG.–.217
April 16—Beats Yanks, 7-4, with 3-run 3B.
May 3—Gets 3 hits in 4-2 win over Chisox.
9—Beats Red Sox, 4-3, with sacrifice fly.
June 19—Hits 3-run HR in 8-2 win over A's.
24—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 7-4 win over Indians.
July 9—Hits 2-run HR in 8-0 rout of Nats.
12—His HR breaks tie with Nats; Orioles win.
Sept. 10—Beats Indians with 2-run 3B in 4th.

COMMENT—An Oriole bellwether in 1956-57, his decline at bat threatens regular status.

GEIGER, GARY

Red Sox (OF, L-R, 6-0, 160, 23, 2 yrs.)
G.–120 R.–45 H.–82 HR.–11 RBI.–48 AVG.–.245
June 4—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 5-2 win over A's.
July 19—Hits 3-run pinch HR vs. Indians.
Aug. 5—RBIs 6 on HR, 3B, 2B in rout of A's.
7—Leads win over Tigers with 2-run 2B, 2SBs.
8—Beats Tigers, 4-3, with HR in 10th.
12—Beats Orioles, 5-4, with HR in 9th.
28—Gets 3 hits in 6-4 win over Orioles.
Sept. 16—Beats Indians, 6-5, with SF in 9th.

COMMENT—With more chance to play in Boston, which got him in Piersall-Wertz trade, showed sophomore promise.

GERNERT, DICK

Red Sox (1B-OF, R-R, 6-3, 210, 30, 8 yrs.)
G.–117 R.–41 H.–78 HR.–11 RBI.–42 AVG.–.262
May 6—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B, 1B in rout of Tigers.
17—Hits HR, 3 1Bs in 10-1 win over Tigers.
June 20—Gets 3 hits in 9-0 rout of Chisox.
Aug. 28—Beats Orioles, 6-4, on 2-run HR in 10th.

COMMENT—Right-handed power makes him useful at Fenway Park. Traded to Cubs for Hillman and Marshall.

GOODMAN, BILLY

White Sox (IF-OF, L-R, 5-11½, 160, 34, 13 yrs.)
G.–104 R.–21 H.–67 HR.–1 RBI.–28 AVG.–.250
May 10—Ties Indians with pinch 1B; Sox win.
Aug. 2—Beats Nats, 3-2, with 1B in 9th.
7—Beats Nats, 4-1, with 3 RBIs on 3 1Bs.
25—Beats Bosox, 5-4, with 2B in 10th.
30—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 9-4 win over Indians.
Sept. 13—Beats Bosox, 3-1, with HR in 4th.
26—Gets 4 hits in 10-2 rout of Tigers.

COMMENT—Time and various ailments have taken toll from this versatile guy, whose career batting mark was .305 going into 1958. But he should remain handy to have around.

GREEN, LENNIE

Senators (OF, R-R, 5-10½, 175, 27, 2 yrs.)
G.–115 R.–32 H.–53 HR.–3 RBI.–17 AVG.–.248
May 26—Obtained from Orioles for Pearson.
July 19—RBIs 4 on 2 2Bs, 1B in rout of A's.
Aug. 18—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in rout of Indians.
Sept. 10—RBIs 3 in 8-2 victory over White Sox.

COMMENT—Fine fielder, lacks power.

GREEN, PUMPSIE

Red Sox (IF, SW-R, 6-0, 175, 25, 1 yr.)
G.–50 R.–30 H.–40 HR.–1 RBI.–10 AVG.–.233
July 21—First Negro to play for Red Sox, makes debut as pinch-runner vs. White Sox.
31—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs in 6-5 win over Tigers.
Aug. 10—Gets 4 hits in 7-4 loss to Yankees.

COMMENT—Showed enough at second base and at bat to rate further trial.

HADLEY, KENT

A's (1B, L-L, 6-3, 195, 25, 1 yr.)
G.–113 R.–40 H.–73 HR.–10 RBI.–39 AVG.–.253
April 15—RBIs 3 on HR, 2B, 1B vs. Chisox.
May 17—Hits 2-run HR as A's down Yanks, 10-0.
June 11—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B as A's beat Yanks.
20—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 6-2 win over Orioles.
27—Beats Senators, 5-4, with 1B in 10th.
29—Leads 10-3 rout of Tigers with HR, 2B, 1B.
Aug. 28—RBIs 2 in 6-1 win over Senators.
Sept. 5—Hits 2 HRs in 5-4 loss to Tigers.

COMMENT—Showed good potential as rookie. Has enough power to rate a fine chance.

HARRIS, GAIL

Tigers (1B, L-L, 6-0, 200, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.–114 R.–39 H.–77 HR.–9 RBI.–39 AVG.–.221
May 25—Beats A's with 2-run HR in 7th.
30—Tops Chisox, 3-2, with 3-run HR in 2nd.
July 24—RBIs 2 on 3B, 1B in 4-2 win over Yanks.
26—Sets up run that beats Yanks, 1-0, with 1B.
28—Gets 4 hits in 8-3 win over Orioles.
Aug. 20—RBIs 5 on 1B, 2B, 3B in rout of Yanks.

COMMENT—Looked like he had it made after 20 HRs, 83 RBIs and .273 in 1958. Now he'll have to start all over. Has basic power.

HELD, WOODIE

Indians (IF-OF, R-R, 5-11, 170, 28, 4 yrs.)
G.–143 R.–82 H.–132 HR.–29 RBI.–71 AVG.–.251
April 14—RBIs 6 on grand slam, 2-run HR as Indians rout Tigers, 8-1, in home opener.
15—Beats Tigers, 2-1, with HR in 10th.
18—Gets HR, 2 1Bs in 13-4 win over A's.
19—Hits HR #5 as Indians down A's, 4-3.
May 30—Beats A's, 3-2, with RBI 1B in 9th.
July 26—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs, 2 1Bs in rout of Nats.
Aug. 13—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B in 7-5 win.
20—Beats Senators, 6-1, with 23rd HR.
22—Beats Orioles, 4-2, with grand slam.
Sept. 5—Hits HR in 6-5 victory over White Sox.
12—Hits HR, 3B in 7-2 win over Senators.

COMMENT—After many ups and downs and much shifting about in field, seems set with Indians at short. Low average hitter but produces long ball and gets runs home.

HOWARD, ELSTON

Yankees (C-OF-1B, R-R, 6-2, 198, 31, 5 yrs.)
G.–125 R.–59 H.–121 HR.–18 RBI.–73 AVG.–.273
April 18—Gets 5 hits, 3 RBIs in rout of Bosox.
May 30—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs in 11-2 rout of Nats.
June 10—Beats A's, 6-4, with 2-run 2B.
23—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 10-2 rout of A's.
25—Hits HR in 5-4 victory over A's.
July 28—Added to A.L. All-Stars for 2nd game.
Aug. 2—RBIs 4 on 2B, 2 1Bs in 7-5 win.
9—Beats A's, 3-2, with HR in 11th.
23—Leads 7-1 win over Chisox with HR, 2 1Bs.
Sept. 5—Beats Orioles, 3-2, on pinch HR in 9th.
20—Beats Red Sox, 7-4, on 2-run pinch HR.

COMMENT—Topflight all-around player who hits hard and knocks in runs.

JENSEN, JACKIE

Red Sox (OF, R-R, 5-11, 190, 33, 10 yrs.)
G.–148 R.–101 H.–148 HR.–28 RBI.–*112 AVG.–.277
April 18—Hits 2 HRs, 1B but Sox lose to Yanks.
22—Gets 4 hits in 8-4 victory over Orioles.
May 2—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 5-4 win over Chisox.
29—RBIs 4 on HR, 1B but Sox lose to Senators.
June 18—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 7-6 win over Indians.
23—RBIs 4 on 3 hits in 10-4 win over Tigers.
26—Hits grand slam in 11-5 loss to Indians.
July 5—Gets 5 hits, 5 RBIs in sweep vs. Orioles.
12—RBIs 4 on HR, 2 2Bs in 7-3 win over Yanks.
13—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B in 13-3 rout of Yanks.
Aug. 2—Beats Tigers, 5-4, with 2-run HR.
29—RBIs 3 on 2 1Bs in 4-1 win over Orioles.
31—Hits 2-run HR in 4-3 victory over Senators.
26—Ties, then beats Senators, 5-4, with HRs to take 3rd RBI title.

COMMENT—Keeps threatening to quit, for family reasons. It's hardly likely. Still in prime as one of top power hitters and RBI-men.

KALINE, AL

Tigers (OF, R-R, 6-2, 172, 25, 7 yrs.)
G.–136 R.–86 H.–167 HR.–27 RBI.–94 AVG.–.327
April 18—Gets 4 hits in 5-2 win over Chisox.
29—Hits HR, 2B in 7-1 victory over Orioles.
May 6—Hits 2 HRs, RBIs 4 in loss to Bosox.
18—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 14-2 rout of Bosox.
23—Hits 2-run HR in 6-4 win over Indians.
June 5—Beats Senators, 7-6, with 1B in 9th.
8—RBIs 3 on HR, 2 1Bs in 6-3 win over Bosox.
10—RBIs 4 on 4 hits in 10-9 win over Bosox.
11—Beats Bosox again on HR, 2 1Bs, 3 RBIs.
18—Fractures cheekbone vs. Orioles; out awhile.
25—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 10-5 win over Bosox.
27—Named to start in CF for A.L. All-Stars.
29—Undergoes surgery for cheek fracture.
July 23—Gets 4 hits in 11-2 rout of Senators.
Aug. 9—Goes 4-for-4, with HR, 2B in win.
11—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 8-1 rout of White Sox.
21—Beats Red Sox, 2-0, with 2-run HR.
Sept. 3—Hits 3-run HR as Tigers top A's, 7-6.
9—Beats Red Sox, 3-1, with 2-run HR in 4th.
20—Beats White Sox, 5-4, with 2-run HR.

COMMENT—Best-rounded player in league, he's an established star at 25 and should shine for years. Shift to center worked well.

KILLEBREW, HARMON

Senators (3B, R-R, 6-0, 195, 23, 6 yrs.)
G.–153 R.–98 H.–132 HR.–†42 RBI.–105 AVG.–.242
April 9—Hits HR, 1B in 9-2 win over Orioles.
25—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 8-4 win over Red Sox.
May 1—Beats Tigers, 4-3, with 2nd HR in 10th.
2—RBIs 3 with 2 HRs in 15-3 rout of Tigers.
3—Beats Indians, 3-1 with 2-run 2B.
9—Hits 2 HRs, for 4 RBIs, in rout of Yanks.
12—Hits 2 HRs, for 4th time, in win over Tigers.
17—Hits 2 HRs again in 10-7 loss to Chisox.
27—Hits 3-run HR in 6-0 victory over Orioles.
29—Gets Nos. 16-17 in 7-6 win over Red Sox.
June 3—Hits HR in 4-0 victory over White Sox.
18—Hits HR, 2B in 7-5 victory over A's.
19—Hits 480-foot HR in loss to Tigers.
27—Named to start at third on A.L. All-Stars.
28—Hits 3-run 2b, 1B in 7-3 win over A's.
30—Gets 3 hits, 2 RBIs in 6-1 win over Bosox.
July 1—Beats Red Sox, 4-1, with 2-run 2B.
4—Hits 3-run HR in 10-6 win over Yankees.
5—Hits 3-run HR, 2B, 1B as Nats stop Yanks.
11—Hits No. 30, RBIs 4 in 9-3 win over Orioles.
15—Hits HR in 3-0 victory over Tigers.
Aug. 5—RBIs 4, hits #34 in win over Indians.
13—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 5-2 victory over Yanks.
14—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 7-3 win over Orioles.
Sept. 10—Hits 2-run HR in 8-2 win.
27—Gets 4 hits vs. Bosox, ties for HR title.

COMMENT—Washington's patience paid off with bonus rookie of 1954. Suddenly bloomed as big slugger. Now, if he can raise average.

KLAUS, BILLY

Orioles (IF, L-R, 5-9, 165, 31, 7 yrs.)
G.–104 R.–33 H.–80 HR.–3 RBI.–25 AVG.–.249
May 11—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 7-3 win over Nats.
31—Gets 3 hits in 2-1 victory over Red Sox.
June 2—Hits 2-run HR in 3-2 win.
7—Hits 1B for run that wins 3-0, against A's.
Aug. 4—Beats White Sox, 3-2, with 1B in 8th.
20—Gets 4 hits in 7-1 victory over Orioles.

COMMENT—A battler who gives 100 per cent. His talents lie mostly on offensive side.

KLUSZEWSKI, TED

White Sox (1B, L-L, 6-2, 235, 35, 13 yrs.)
G.–91 R.–22 H.–63 HR.–4 RBI.–28 AVG.–.283
May 7—With Pirates, gets 3 hits and beats Phils, 5-4, with HR in 10th.
July 21—Beats Phils, 7-6, with HR in 8th.
Aug. 25—Traded to White Sox for Simpson.
Sept. 7—Beats A's, 2-1, with RBI 1B; hits 2 HRs 5 RBIs to pace 13-7 win in nightcap.
Sept. 12—Goes 3-for-3 in 6-1 win over Orioles.

COMMENT—Gave Sox a great lift in stretch. Back miseries have cut power but, when he can play, he's dangerous. At peak, ranked as one of top hitters-sluggers.

KUBEK, TONY

Yankees (IF-OF, L-R, 6-3, 190, 23, 3 yrs.)
G.–132 R.–67 H.–143 HR.–6 RBI.–51 AVG.–.279
April 21—Gets 3 hits in 11-4 win over Senators.
29—Collapses in dizzy spell; rests awhile.
May 6—Hits HR, 1B in 7-4 win over A's.
30—RBIs 5 on 4 hits in 11-0 rout of Senators.
June 5—Gets 4 hits in 11-2 rout of Indians.
13—Hits 2-run HR in 6-4 win over Tigers.
July 3—RBIs 2 on 3 hits in 4-3 win over Nats.
4—Gets 8 hits in split with Senators.
11—Hits HR, 3B, 2B in 8-4 loss to Red Sox.
30—Back after lay-up with shoulder injury.
Aug. 1—Added to A.L. All-Star for 2nd game.
18—Hits 3B, 2 1Bs in 5-3 win over Tigers.
21—Hits 3B, 2 1Bs in 9-7 victory over A's.
Sept. 1—Gets 3 hits in 5-0 win over Orioles.

COMMENT—One of best young players. Would profit from settling down at one position but versatility adds to value.

KUENN, HARVEY

Tigers (OF, R-R, 6-2, 195, 29, 8 yrs.)
G.–139 R.–99 H.–*198 HR.–9 RBI.–71 AVG.*.353
April 26—Gets 4 hits in 4-3 loss to A's.
29—Gets 3B, 2B in 5-1 rout of Orioles.
May 16—Out briefly with knee, shoulder injuries.
24—Gets 6 hits in split with Indians; at .400.
June 6—Beats Senators, 4-1, with 2-run 2B.
14—Gets 6 hits, 4 in 1st, in split with Yanks.
15—Hits 2-run HR, 2B, 1B in win over Orioles.
19—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 6-4 win over Senators.
27—Named to A.L. All-Stars as spare outfielder.
July 12—Hits 2-run HR in 6-2 win over Indians.
23—Goes 4-4-4, steals 2, in rout of Senators.
Aug. 14—Hits 2-run HR, 2 1Bs in rout of Indians.
23—Goes 5-3-5 in 9-5 victory over Orioles.
Sept. 1—Gets 4 hits in 4-0 win over Chisox.
4—RBIs 3 on 2B, 2 1Bs in 9-2 victory over A's.
16—Gets 3 hits, SF in 3-1 win over Orioles.
19—Beats White Sox, 5-4, on 2-run 2B in 8th.
20—Gets 4 hits in 5-4 victory over White Sox.
22—Hits 3-run HR, 1B in 6-4 win over A's.

COMMENT—Couldn't miss winning batting title sooner or later. From start a prolific hitmaker, with great bat control and fair power. Happier in outfield than at short.

LANDIS, JIM

White Sox (OF, R-R, 6-2, 180, 26, 3 yrs.)
G.–149 R.–78 H.–140 HR.–5 RBI.–60 AVG.–.272
May 10—Gets 3 hits as Sox down Indians, 5-0.
June 11—RBIs 2 on 2B, 1B in 2-1 win over Nats.
26—Goes 4-for-4 in 8-4 loss to Yankees.
July 4—Gets 5 hits in 7-4 victory over A's.
9—RBIs 3 on 1B, SF in 4-3 win over Indians.
17—Beats Yankees, 2-0, with 2-run 1B in 9th.
25—Sets up run that beats Orioles on 1B in 17th.
Aug. 1—Beats Senators, 2-1, with 2B in 9th.
7—Gets 3 hits in 4-1 win over Senators.
9—Gets 3 hits again as Sox top Senators, 4-2.
24—Gets 3 hits, 2 RBIs in 4-2 win over Yankees.
Sept. 7—Scores from 1st on 1B to beat A's, 2-1, and gets 3 hits—6 for day—in 2nd victory.
13—Goes to hospital with leg infection; out until last 2 days.

COMMENT—Brilliant fielder, fleet runner and effective hitter, was Sox pace-setter during July and August. Should be a good one.

LEMON, JIM

Senators (OF, R-R, 6-4, 200, 32, 8 yrs.)
G.–147 R.–73 H.–148 HR.–33 RBI.–100 AVG.–.279
April 26—Hits HR in 2-1 victory over Red Sox.
30—Gets 3 hits in 9-1 rout of Tigers.
May 2—Hits grand slam, RBIs 5 to beat Tigers.
23—Hits 2-run HR in rally that beats Red Sox.
June 14—Hits 3 HRs in double loss to Indians.
28—RBIs 3 in 7-3 victory over A's.
July 2—Beats Red Sox, 6-3, on 3-run HR.
5—Hits 3-run HR in 7-0 rout of Yankees.
28—Gets 4 hits, one a HR, in 6-1 loss to Nats.
30—Beats Yankees, 3-1, with 2 RBIs on 2 1Bs.
Sept. 5—RBIs 7, on 2 HRs, one a grand slam, and 2B in 14-2 rout of Red Sox.
7—Hits 2-run 3B in rally that beats Orioles.
13—Hits HR in 8th to beat Tigers, 5-1.
14—Hits 2-run HR in 5-0 win over Tigers.

COMMENT—This long-range belter had best year, topping 30 HRs and 100 RBIs for 1st time.

LEPCIO, TED

Tigers (IF, R-R, 5-10, 175, 29, 8 yrs.)
G.–79 R.–26 H.–61 HR.–7 RBI.–25 AVG.–.280
May 2—Goes to Detroit from Boston with Sisler in trade for Hoeft.
July 10—Gets HR, 1B, 2 RBIs in 5-2 win.
Sept. 5—Beats A's, 5-4, with 2-run HR in 8th.

COMMENT—Never has made it solidly as regular and probably never will. But he's useful as a reserve and, now and then, shows power. Traded to Phils with two rookies for Ray Semproch and Chico Fernandez.

LOLLAR, SHERMAN

White Sox (C, R-R, 6-0, 195, 35, 14 yrs.)
G.–140 R.–63 H.–134 HR.–22 RBI.–84 AVG.–.265
April 11—RBIs 3 on 2 HRs, 1B to top Tigers, 5-3.
12—RBIs 2 on 2 1Bs in 5-3 win over Tigers.
30—Hits HR in 4-3 triumph over Yankees.
May 18—Hits HR, 2B as Sox down Nats, 9-2.
June 23—RBIs 2 on HR, 2B in 4-1 over Senators.
27—Named to A.L. All-Stars as No. 2 catcher.
28—Beats Yanks, 4-2, with 3-run HR, 2nd of day.
July 4—Hits 2-run HR in 7-4 victory over A's.
12—RBIs 3 on 3 1Bs in 9-7 win over A's.
16—Beats Red Sox, 4-3, with 2B in 7th.
22—Beats Red Sox, 5-4, in 9th with 3rd hit.
25—Ties Orioles with HR in 9th; Sox win.
Aug. 12—Hits 3-run HR, 1B in win over Tigers.
13—Gets HR, 3 1Bs, 3 RBIs in rout of Tigers.
14—RBIs 4 on 2 HRs to beat A's, 5-1.
23—Hits HR for 1st run of 5-0 win.
28—Beats Indians, 7-3, with 3-run HR in 7th.
Sept. 2—RBIs 4 on 2 2Bs in 7-2 win over Tigers.
18—Beats Tigers, 1-0, with HR in 5th.

COMMENT—Chief Sox run-producer and a slick catcher; has been a Chicago bulwark since 1952. Could do with more rest from now on.

LOPEZ, HECTOR

Yankees (IF-OF, R-R, 5-11½, 174, 27, 5 yrs)
G.–147 R.–82 H.–153 HR.–22 RBI.–93 AVG.–.283
April 29—Playing for A's, RBIs 4 on HR, 2 1Bs to beat Senators, 7-6.
May 15—Beats Senators, 4-2, on 2-run HR in 7th.
23—Hits HR, 3B, 2B in 16-0 rout of White Sox.
24—RBIs on 3B, 2B as A's down White Sox again.
26—Traded to Yankees with Terry for Kucks, Sturdivant and Lumpe.
June 4—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B in rout of Tigers.
9—Beats A's, 9-8, in 13th with 3rd hit.
17—Gets 3 hits in 7-3 win over White Sox.
23—Gets 4 hits in 10-2 rout of A's.
26—Hits 2-run HR in 8-4 win over White Sox.
27—Hits 2 HRs but Yanks lose to Chisox, 5-4.
July 22—Hits 1-on HR, 2 1Bs in win.
25—Makes 3 errors at third in loss to Tigers.
Aug. 10—Gets 3 hits in 7-4 win over Bosox.
18—In LF, hits HR, 1B in 5-3 win over Tigers.
21—Gets 4 hits, 3 RBIs as Yanks down A's, 9-7.
Sept. 16—Beats White Sox, 3-1, with 1B in 6th.

COMMENT—Power hitter who brings home runs but a security risk in infield. Perhaps he'll do better in outfield.

LUMPE, JERRY

A's (IF, L-R, 6-2, 185, 26, 4 yrs.)
G.–126 R.–49 H.–108 HR.–3 RBI.–30 AVG.–.241
May 22—With Yankees, spoils Wilhelm no-hitter with 8th-inning 1B in 5-0 loss to Orioles.
26—Goes to A's with Kucks and Sturdivant for Lopez and Terry.
30—Beats Indians, 3-1, with 2B in 8th.
July 18—Sprains ankle in game with Senators.
Aug. 9—Gets 3 hits in 3-2 loss to Yankees.
22—Beats Yankees, 8-7 with 1B in 10th.

COMMENT—Should do well in K.C. when settled down. Fields soundly and has hitting potential.

MALZONE, FRANK

Red Sox (3B, R-R, 5-10, 180, 30, 5 yrs.)
G.–154 R.–90 H.–169 HR.–19 RBI.–92 AVG.–.280
April 19—Beats Yankees, 5-4, with HR in 12th.
22—Gets 3 hits in 8-4 win over Orioles.
May 3—Hits 2HRs in 7-3 loss to A's.
6—RBIs 3 on HR, 2B in 17-6 rout of Tigers.
June 6—Hits 2-run HR in 4-2 win over White Sox.
7—Beats White Sox, 4-2, on 2RBI 1Bs.
20—RBIs 5 in double victory over White Sox.
23—Gets HR, 2B, 3 RBIs in 10-4 win over Tigers.
27—Named to A.L. All-Stars as infield spare.
July 19—Beats Indians, 6-5, with 3-run 2B.
27—Hits 2-run HR in 4-0 win over Indians.
30—Hits 3-run HR in 4-3 loss to Indians.
Aug. 5—RBIs with HRs, 2B, 1B in rout of A's
6—Beats A's, 4-3, with 2-run 2B.
Sept. 15—Beats Indians, 1-0, with 1B in 9th.

COMMENT—A crack fielder and rough hitter in clutch, he's league's best at third.

MANTLE, MICKEY

Yankees (OF, SW-R, 5-11½, 195, 28, 9 yrs.)
G.–144 R.–104 H.–154 HR.–31 RBI.–75 AVG.–.285
April 29—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in win vs. Chisox.
30—Hit on finger in batting practice, chips bone in right index finger; out awhile.
May 10—Hits HR, 1B, scores in 10th to beat Senators, 3-2, on day after return to line-up.
24—Hits 3-run HR, RBI 1B in rout of Orioles.
June 3—Beats Tigers, 6-5, with HR in 9th.
6—Beats Indians, 2-1, with 1B in 8th.
13—Hits 2-run HR in 6-4 win over Tigers.
17—Hits 450-foot HR as Yanks top Chisox.
18—Beats White Sox, 5-4, with HR in 10th.
22—RBIs 6 on 2 HRs, 3B in 11-6 win over A's
27—Named to A.L. All-Stars as outfield spare.
29—Hurts ankle in exhibition with Dodgers.
July 16—Beats Indians, 7-5, on 2-run HR in 10th.
19—Leads sweep of Chisox with HR, 2 2Bs, 1B.
Aug. 5—Hits 2-run HR in 3-0 win over Tigers.
8—RBIs 2 with HR, SF as Yanks beat A's, 3-0.
16—Hits HR each game in split with Red Sox.
Sept. 10—Gets 5 hits in 12-1 rout of A's.
13—Beats Indians, 2-1, on HR in 11th.
15—Hits switch HR in 4-3 loss to White Sox.

COMMENT—Not a good year by his high standards—$75,000 high. He figures to snap back.

MARIS, ROGER

A's (OF, L-R, 6-0, 197, 25, 3 yrs.)
G.–122 R.–69 H.–118 HR.–16 RBI.–72 AVG.–.273
April 22—Hits 3-run HR, 2B in loss to Indians.
May 3—Hits 2-run HR, 2 1Bs in win over Bosox.
10—RBI 5 with 2 HRs in 7-6 loss to Tigers.
14—Beats Orioles, 2-1, with HR, 1B.
20—RBIs 3 on HR, SF in 8-2 win over Red Sox.
22—Undergoes emergency appendectomy.
July 11—RBIs 3 on 2B, SF in 8-3 loss to Indians.
23—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 9-3 win over Orioles.
27—Hits grand slam in 7-6 victory over Senators; added to A.L. All-Stars for 2nd game.
Sept. 23—Beats Tigers, 7-6, with 3-run HR.

COMMENT—Rising star. Fast, has fine power and an improving hitter.

MARTIN, BILLY

Indians (IF, R-R, 5-11½, 165, 31, 9 yrs.)
G.–73 R.–37 H.–63 HR.–9 RBI.–24 AVG.–.260
April 23—Hits 3-run HR, 1B in rout of Tigers.
May 2—Hits 2-run HR in 5-2 win over Yankees.
3—RBIs 2 on HR, 1B in 5-0 win over Senators.
July 30—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 win over Red Sox.
31—Beats Orioles, 5-4, on sacrifice fly in 9th.
Aug. 5—Hit by Clevenger of Senators, out for season with broken jaw.

COMMENT—Has shown only flashes of old fire and form since leaving Yankees.

MAXWELL, CHARLIE

Tigers (OF, L-L, 5-11, 185, 33, 9 yrs.)
G.–145 R.–81 H.–130 HR.–31 RBI.–95 AVG.–.251
April 10—Hits 3-run pinch HR in loss to White Sox.
May 3—RBIs 6 on 3 HRs after hitting HR in 1st game of sweep over Yankees; his 4 straight HRs tie major league record.
10—Beats A's, 7-6, with 3-run HR.
31—Beats Indians, 7-4, with 3-run HR in 9th.
June 7—Hits 2-run HR in 6-4 win over Nats.
14—Beats Yankees, 3-2, with 3-run HR in 8th.
28—Hits 9th Sunday HR, 1 on, in win vs. Orioles.
July 2—Hits grand slam in 9-7 win over Chisox.
Aug. 15—Hits 2 HRs in 9-6 win over Indians.
17—Beats Indians, 5-4, on HR, 1B and score.
Sept. 6—Beats A's, 7-6, on 3rd 1B in 9th.
11—Hits 2 HRs but Yanks beat Tigers, 9-3.

COMMENT—Back in groove after off year, set new highs in HRs, RBIs. Lethal slugger.

MC DOUGALD, GIL

Yankees (IF, R-R, 6-1, 180, 31, 9 yrs.)
G.–127 R.–44 H.–109 HR.–4 RBI.–34 AVG.–.251
April 18—Hit on knuckles vs. Red Sox; out awhile.
May 6—Hits 2 2Bs in 7-4 victory over A's.
24—Gets 3 hits in 9-0 rout of Orioles.
June 4—Gets 2 2Bs, 1B in 14-3 rout of Tigers.
5—Hits HR, 2B as Yanks down Indians, 11-2.
23—Hits 2-run HR in 10-2 victory over A's.
26—Hits HR, 2B, 1B in 8-4 win over White Sox.
July 1—Hits HR in 4-0 victory over Orioles.
22—Comes down with virus; out a spell.
Aug. 9—Beats A's 4-3, with 1B in 14th.
Sept. 11—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs in 9-3 rout of Tigers.

COMMENT—Second straight subpar year a cause for worry. A solid three-position fielder and usually a big run-producer, has been Yankee mainstay.

MINOSO, MINNIE

Indians (R-R, 5-11, 175, 36, 10 yrs.)
G.–148 R.–92 H.–172 HR.–21 RBI.–92 AVG.–.302
April 21—RBI 6 on 2 HRs, 3 1Bs in rout of Tigers.
May 15—Hits 2-run HR in 4-2 win over Red Sox.
22—Beats Tigers, 1-0, with 2B in 7th.
June 14—RBIs 9 in sweep vs. Senators, on 5 hits, including 2 HRs, one a grand slam.
15—Beats Red Sox, 5-1, with 3-run HR.
27—Named to start in left for A. L. All-Stars.
July 4—Hits HR, SF in 6-1 win over Tigers.
Aug. 12—RBIs 3 on HR, 2 1Bs in win over A's.
23—Beats Red Sox, 6-2, with 3-run HR.
Sept. 18—RBIs 4 on 2B, 2 1Bs in rout of A's.

COMMENT—This hard-running, hard-hitting dynamo had usual fine year. Few are more consistent. It's getting late, though. Traded back to former team with Ferrarese and two rookies for Romano, Phillips and Norman Cash.

NIEMAN, BOB

Orioles (OF, R-R, 5-11, 195, 33, 9 yrs.)
G.–118 R.–49 H.–105 HR.–21 RBI.–60 AVG.–.292
April 19—Gets 4 hits in 7-5 win over Senators.
May 11—Hits HR, 2B in 7-3 win over Senators.
15—Beats Tigers, 2-1, with 2-run HR in 9th.
June 26—RBIs 5 on HR, 2B, 2 1Bs vs. Tigers.
July 2—Beats Yankees, 3-1, with 2-run HR.
26—Gets 4 hits in 4-0 victory over White Sox.
Aug. 23—Hits 2 HRs, 1B in 9-5 loss to Tigers.
25—Hits HR, 2 2Bs but Orioles bow to A's.
26—Hits 2-run HR in 6-3 win over A's.
Sept. 11—Hits HR in 3-0 victory over White Sox.
14—RBIs 4 on HR, 1B in 9-2 victory over A's.

COMMENT—A solid long-ball hitter who commands respect in clutch. Traded to the Cards for Gene Green.

NIXON, RUSS

Indians (C, L-R, 6-1, 190, 25, 3 yrs.)
G.–82 R.–23 H.–62 HR.–1 RBI.–29 AVG.–.240
Aug. 2—Hits 3B, 2B, 1B in 6-3 win over Orioles.
12—RBIs 3 on HR, 2 1Bs in 9-4 victory over A's.

COMMENT—Out of action with injuries for much of season. A rising young backstop with good potential as hitter.

PHILLIPS, BUBBA

White Sox (3B-OF, R-R, 5-9, 173, 30, 5 yrs.)
G.–117 R.–43 H.–100 HR.–5 RBI.–40 AVG.–.264
May 10—After tying HR, beats Indians with 1B.
June 28—Hits HR in 9-2 rout of Yankees.
July 9—Hits HR, 1B in 4-3 win over Indians.
Aug. 2—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 9-3 win over Senators.
21—Leads 5-4 win over Nats with 2B, 2 1Bs.
22—Beats Senators, 1-0, with RBI 1B in 2nd.

COMMENT—A valuable handyman.

PIERSALL, JIMMY

Indians (CF, R-R, 6-0, 190, 30, 9 yrs.)
G.–100 R.–42 H.–78 HR.–4 RBI.–30 AVG.–.246
April 21—Gets 3 hits in 14-1 rout of Tigers.
22—RBIs 4 on HR, 1B in 10-1 win over Tigers.
May 3—Has hassle with Ramos of Washington.
June 13—Beats Senators, 8-7, with pinch SF.
July 25—RBIs 3 on HR, 2B, 1B in rout of Nats.
Sept. 7—Gets 5 hits, 5 RBIs in sweep over Tigers, winning 2nd game with 2-run 1B.
Sept. 18—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 11-2 rout of A's.

COMMENT—Great fielder but hitting disappointed Indians, who got him in December trade with Red Sox for Wertz and Geiger. It was his second straight subpar year at bat.

PILARCIK, AL

Orioles (OF, L-L, 5-10, 172, 29, 4 yrs.)
G.–130 R.–37 H.–77 HR.–3 RBI.–16 AVG.–.282
June 2—Gets 2 hits in 3-2 win over White Sox.
Aug. 1—Has hassle with Power of Indians.
5—Gets 3 hits in 7-1 victory over White Sox.
11—Hits 1B, steals and scores to beat Chisox, 1-0, in 16th.
19—Gets 3 hits in 5-3 victory over Senators.
26—Hits 3-run HR in 7-2 win over Yankees.

COMMENT—A hustling player who has made a place for him as a platooner.

POWER, VIC

Indians (IF, R-R, 6-0, 190, 28, 6 yrs.)
G.–147 R.–102 H.–172 HR.–10 RBI.–60 AVG.–.289
April 11—Beats A's, 3-2, with 1B in 8th.
17—Hits HR, 1B in 4-3 victory over A's.
21—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 14-1 rout of Tigers.
May 2—Hits 2-run HR in 5-2 win over Yankees.
17—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs, 3 RBIs in win over Orioles.
22—Hits 2B, scores run that beats Tigers, 1-0.
June 13—Gets HR, 2 1Bs in 8-5 win over Nats.
21—Hits HR each game of sweep over Yanks, winning 2nd game by connecting in 14th.
26—Has fracas with Monbouquette of Red Sox.
27—Named to A. L. All-Stars as infield spare.
30—Beats White Sox, 3-2, with 2-run HR.
July 26—His 13-game streak ends vs. Red Sox.
Aug. 1—In hassle with Pilarcik of Orioles.
23—Gets 2 2Bs, 1B in 6-2 win over Red Sox.
Sept. 6—Beats White Sox, 2-1, with 2-run 1B.
7—Beats Tigers, 6-5, with sacrifice fly.
19—Gets 2 2Bs, 2 1Bs in 13-7 win over A's.

COMMENT—A gifted all-around player, can play any position, runs well and hits for good average, with power.

RICHARDSON, BOB

Yankees (IF, R-R, 5-9, 165, 24, 5 yrs.)
G.–134 R.–53 H.–141 HR.–2 RBI.–33 AVG.–.301
April 15—Beats Orioles, 2-1, with 2-run 2B in 9th.
July 14—Beats Indians, 1-0, with RBI 1B in 2nd.
19—Gets 3 hits in 6-4 win over White Sox.
25—Hits 1st HR, 2 1Bs in 9-8 win over Tigers.
Aug. 1—Added to A. L. All-Stars for 2nd game.
21—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 9-7 victory over A's.
Sept. 3—Gets 3 hits, 3 RBIs in rout of Senators.
11—RBIs 4 on HR, 3 1Bs in 9-3 win over Tigers.
16—Hits 1B to start rally that beats Chisox.
19—Beats Red Sox, 3-1, on 2-run 2B in 5th.
23—Gets 3 hits, beats Senators in 9th, 5-4.

COMMENT—Once settled down at second base, turned in topflight job. Great fielder, at last seems to have it made.

RIVERA, JIM

White Sox (1B-OF, L-L, 6-0, 194, 37, 8 yrs.)
G.–80 R.–18 H.–39 HR.–4 RBI.–19 AVG.–.220
April 17—Beats Tigers, 6-5, with 2-run 2B.
29—Breaks rib making diving catch vs. Yanks.
June 7—Gets HR, 3B, 2 1Bs in split with Bosox.
Sept. 8—Hits 2B, scores to beat A's, 3-2, in 10th.
15—Makes saving DP catch in 4-3 win over Yanks.
22—Hits HR in flag-clincher vs. Indians.

COMMENT—His hitting has dwindled to whisper, but fielding, running and hustle continue to make him useful.

ROBINSON, BROOKS

Orioles (3B, R-R, 6-1, 185, 22, 5 yrs.)
G.–88 R.–29 H.–89 HR.–4 RBI.–24 AVG.–.284
April 26—Beats Yankees, 5-4, with RBI 1B.
July 17—Sent down, then recalled, hits HR in 3-2 victory over Tigers.
Aug. 15—Hits 2 2Bs in 4-2 win over Senators.
26—Hits 2-run HR in 6-3 victory over A's.
Sept. 10—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B in win over Indians.
11—Beats White Sox, 1-0, with RBI 1B in 16th.
13—Gets 10-stitch cut in chin crashing into screen vs. A's.

COMMENT—Nursed along carefully by Orioles, this fine young prospect may now be ready. Has good potential, at bat and in field.

ROMANO, JOHN

White Sox (C, R-R, 5-11½, 200, 25, 2 yrs.)
G.–53 R.–20 H.–37 HR.–5 RBI.–25 AVG.–.294
July 16—Gets 3 hits in 5-4 loss to Red Sox.
Aug. 2—Hits 3-run 2B in 9-3 win over Senators.
27—RBIs 3 on 2 1Bs in 5-1 win over Red Sox.

COMMENT—His power puts him in line for more work behind Lollar. Traded to Indians in Minoso deal.

RUNNELS, PETE

Red Sox (IF, L-R, 5-11½, 170, 32, 9 yrs.)
G.–147 R.–95 H.–176 HR.–6 RBI.–57 AVG.–.314
April 17—Leads 4-0 win over Yanks, with 3 hits.
May 2—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 5-4 win.
8—Hits HR, 3B in 5-0 victory over Orioles.
17—Hits 3-run 3B, 2B in 10-1 rout of Tigers.
29—Gets 2 2Bs, 2 1Bs in 7-6 loss to Senators.
June 9—Gets 3 hits in 5-2 win over Tigers.
13—Gets 3 hits as Red Sox down A's, 6-1.
24—Gets 3 hits in 4-2 win over Tigers.
26—Gets 4 hits in 11-5 loss to Indians.
27—Gets 2 2Bs, 1B in 6-4 win over Indians; named to A. L. All-Stars as infield spare.
July 18—Gets HR, 2B, 2 1Bs in loss to Indians.
31—Gets 4 hits in 6-5 win over Tigers.
Aug. 20—Hits 2 2Bs in 11-10 win over A's.
31—Beats Senators, 4-3, with HR in 10th.
Sept. 22—Diving catch saves win over Orioles.

COMMENT—Has swung wicked bat for Red Sox, which offsets his defensive shortcomings.

SIEBERN, NORM

Yankees (OF, L-R, 6-3, 200, 26, 3 yrs.)
G.–120 R.–52 H.–103 HR.–11 RBI.–53 AVG.–.271
April 12—Beats Red Sox, 3-2, with HR in 8th.
21—Gets 3 hits in 11-4 win over Senators.
May 6—RBIs 4 on HR, 2B, 1B in 7-4 win.

June 5—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 11-2 rout of Indians.
25—Hits HR in 5-4 victory over A's.
July 1—Hits 2-run HR in 4-0 win over Orioles.
22—Beats Cleveland, 8-5, with RBI 1B in 8th.
Sept. 23—Gets 3 hits in 5-4 win over Senators.

COMMENT—A promising young hitter, with fair power, but has not fielded well.

SIEVERS, ROY

Senators (OF-1B, R-R, 6-1, 190, 33, 11 yrs.)
G.—115 R.—55 H.—93 HR.—21 RBI.—49 AVG.—.242
April 26—Hits HR in 2-1 win over Red Sox.
30—Gets 3 hits in 9-1 rout of Tigers.
May 2—Hits HR, 2 2Bs in 15-3 win over Tigers.
June 21—Hits 200th HR in 7-5 win over Tigers.
July 4—Hits 2-run HR, 2B in 10-6 win over Yanks.
18—Cuts heel in collision against A's.
24—Hits 2 HRs in 5-2 loss to Indians.
Sept. 7—Hits 2-run pinch HR in rout of Orioles.
18—Gets 3 hits in 5-3 win over Orioles.

COMMENT—Hampered by injuries, took a sharp drop in all departments. One of the most devastating sluggers when sound.

SKOWRON, BILL

Yankees (1B, R-R, 5-11, 195, 29, 6 yrs.)
G.—74 R.—39 H.—84 HR.—15 RBI.—59 AVG.—.298
April 14—Recovered from back injury, hits grand slam, 2B, 1B for 5 RBIs in 13-3 rout of Orioles.
18—RBIs 4 on HR, 3B, 1B in rout of Red Sox.
22—Beats Senators, 1-0, with HR in 14th.
May 5—Beats A's, 3-2, on sacrifice fly in 10th.
7—Injures right thigh in exhibition at L.A.
17—His pinch 1B helps beat A's, 3-2.
23—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in rout of Orioles.
27—Beats Red Sox, 3-2, on 2-run HR in 8th.
29—Beats Orioles, 5-2, on 2-run 1B in 5th.
31—Beats Senators, 3-0, on 3-run HR in 9th.
June 14—Hits HR each game of sweep by Tigers.
20—RBIs 5 on 2 HRs, 3B in rout of Indians.
21—Hits HR in each game of sweep by Indians.
22—Hits HR 4th straight game in win over A's.
27—Named to start at first on A. L. All-Stars.
July 9—Gets 3B, 2B, 1B in win over Red Sox.
11—Reinjures back vs. Red Sox.
25—Returns to lineup vs. Tigers. Breaks left wrist in collision with Veal. Out for season.

COMMENT—Capable of tearing league apart if he ever manages to stay sound. Outstanding hitter, with devastating power. Injury prone.

SMITH, AL

White Sox (OF-3B, R-R, 6-0, 200, 32, 7 yrs.)
G.—129 R.—65 H.—112 HR.—17 RBI.—55 AVG.—.237
April 30—Beats Yanks, 4-3, on RBI 1B in 11th.
May 10—Gets 3 hits in 5-4 win over Indians.
12—Beats Red Sox, 4-3, on 2-run HR in 12th.
June 28—Hits HR in 9-2 rout of Yankees.
July 2—Hits grand slam, 2 1Bs but Tigers win.
5—Ties A's with HR in 9th and White Sox win.
12—Gets HR, 2 2Bs, 2 1Bs in sweep over A's.
18—Gets 3 hits in 2-1 win over Yankees.
24—Beats Orioles, 2-1, with HR in 9th.
26—Beats Orioles, 4-1, with 3-run inside HR.
28—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 4-3 win over Yankees.
30—RBIs 2 in 3-1 victory over Yankees.
Aug. 30—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in win over Indians.
Sept. 2—Hits HR in rally that routs Tigers.
22—Hits HR as Sox beat Indians, 4-2, for flag.

COMMENT—Figures are deceptive. Tough man in clutch despite average, has good power and makes great fielding plays in outfield.

SMITH, HAL

A's (3B-C, R-R, 6-0, 190, 29, 5 yrs.)
G.—108 R.—36 H.—84 HR.—5 RBI.—31 AVG.—.288
June 12—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 3-2 win over Red Sox.
21—RBIs 3 on HR, 2B, 1B, SF in win over Orioles.
July 4—RBIs 3 on HR, 2 1Bs in loss to Chisox.
9—Beats Senators, 6-5, with HR in 10th.

COMMENT—Short on power but hits for good average and is versatile afield.

STEPHENS, GENE

Red Sox (OF, L-R, 6-3, 180, 27, 7 yrs.)
G.—92 R.—34 H.—75 HR.—3 RBI.—39 AVG.—.278
April 17—Beats Yankees with 2B, 1B, 2 RBIs.
May 1—Breaks arm in fall against White Sox.
June 20—Gets 3 hits in 8-2 win over Chisox.
July 13—Hits grand slam in 13-3 rout of Yanks.
Aug. 18—Beats A's, 5-4, on sacrifice fly in 9th.
30—RBIs 2 on HR, 1B in 3-0 win over Orioles.
Sept. 12—Beats A's, 4-3, on RBI 1B in 5th.

COMMENT—With Williams fading, a job at last may open for him. A good fielder, fast, and potentially a good hitter.

STRICKLAND, GEORGE

Indians (IF, R-R, 6-1, 178, 34, 9 yrs.)
G.—132 R.—55 H.—105 HR.—3 RBI.—48 AVG.—.238
April 10—RBIs 2 on 3 hits in 6-4 win over A's.
11—Hits 2 2Bs in 3-2 win over A's.
18—RBIs 3 on 2 2Bs in 13-4 rout over A's.
May 16—Gets 3 hits in 12-6 win over Red Sox.
July 5—Sets up run that beats Tigers with 2B.
18—Hits 2-run 1B in rally that tops Bosox, 7-5.
23—Gets 3 hits, 2 RBIs in 8-5 win over Yankees.
Aug. 5—Hits HR, 1B in 7-3 win over Senators.
Sept. 9—Goes 3-for-3 in 3-2 win over Orioles.

COMMENT—Back in action after year of voluntary retirement, had an average season—pretty amazing, all things considered.

TASBY, WILLIE

Orioles (OF, R-R, 5-10, 180, 27, 2 yrs.)
G.—142 R.—69 H.—126 HR.—13 RBI.—48 AVG.—.250
April 16—Hits HR, 1B in 7-4 win over Yankees.
23—RBIs 4, on HR, 2 1Bs, beats Red Sox, 8-7.
May 16—Beats Tigers, 6-1, with 3-run 3B in 6th.
18—Gets 2 key hits in 3-0 win over Indians.
23—Hits 2 HRs, for 4 RBIs in loss to Yankees.
31—Beats Red Sox, 2-1, with 1B in 6th.
June 26—RBIs 3 on 2B, 1B in win over Tigers.
July 12—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs in 5-1 win over Nats.
14—Hits HR, 1B in 3-1 victory over A's.
Aug. 15—Hits 2-run HR in 4-2 win over Nats.
26—Hits 2-run HR in 6-3 victory over A's.
Sept. 11—Hits HR in 3-0 win over White Sox.

COMMENT—Tailed off after a fast start but impressed as a player of high promise in second full year. Has speed and fair power.

THRONEBERRY, FAYE

Senators (OF, L-R, 6-0, 185, 28, 6 yrs.)
G.—117 R.—36 H.—82 HR.—10 RBI.—42 AVG.—.251
May 24—Gets 3 hits in 8-3 victory over Red Sox.
29—RBIs 3 in 7-6 victory over Red Sox.
July 11—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 9-3 win over Orioles.
27—Hits grand slam in 7-6 defeat by A's.

COMMENT—Played more and had better season than ever before. Has good power.

TORGESON, EARL

White Sox (1B, L-L, 6-3, 180, 36, 13 yrs.)
G.—127 R.—40 H.—61 HR.—9 RBI.—45 AVG.—.220
April 25—Beats Indians, 8-6, with 3-run pinch HR.
May 14—RBIs 3 in 14-6 victory over Red Sox.
18—Gets 3 hits as Sox down Senators, 9-2.
27—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 5-1 win over Indians.
June 4—Beats Orioles, 6-5, in 17th with HR.
25—Hits 2-run HR in 4-1 victory over Senators.
Aug. 9—RBIs 3 on 2 1Bs in 9-0 rout of Senators.

COMMENT—Over hill, but still can raise occasional rucktion at bat and on bases. RBI figure was high for his average.

TRIANDOS, GUS

Orioles (C-1B, R-R, 6-3, 215, 29, 7 yrs.)
G.—126 R.—43 H.—85 HR.—25 RBI.—73 AVG.—.216
April 18—Hits 3-run HR in 6-1 win over Nats.
21—RBIs 5 on 2 HRs, one a grand slam, as Orioles defeat Red Sox, 5-2.
26—Has 4 passed balls, in Wilhelm win vs. Yanks.
May 2—Beats A's, 3-1, with 2-run HR in 4th.
17—Ties Indians with 3-run HR in 9th; Birds win.
22—Hits 2-run HR in 5-0 victory over Yanks.
24—Beats Yankees, 2-1, with HR in 4th.
June 7—Hits 2-run HR in 3-0 victory over A's.
18—Hits 2-run HR in 7-6 win over Tigers.
19—Beats A's, 2-0, with 100th homer.
27—Named starting catcher on A. L. All-Stars.
July 4—Hits 2-run HR in 11-5 win.
9—Hits 2-run HR in 9-0 win over Senators.
19—Beats Tigers, 2-1, with 2-run 1B in 1st.
Aug. 1—Beats Indians, 5-2, with 3-run HR.
24—RBIs 7 with grand slam, 2-run HR, 2 1Bs in 11-0 rout of Tigers.
30—Again has 4 passed balls catching Wilhelm.

COMMENT—A low average but potent thumper who comes through in clutch. He's chief Oriole threat. Also has become solid receiver.

TUTTLE, BILL

A's (OF, R-R, 6-0, 185, 30, 7 yrs.)
G.—126 R.—74 H.—139 HR.—7 RBI.—43 AVG.—.300
May 23—Gets 3 hits in 16-0 rout of White Sox.
28—Hits 2-run HR, 3 1Bs in 7-2 win over Indians.
June 11—Snags 450-foot drive by Skowron.
July 2—Leads 6-4 win over Indians with 3B, 2 1Bs.
18—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 7-5 win over Red Sox.
30—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 4-1 victory over Senators.
Aug. 16—Hits 3B, 2 1Bs as A's top White Sox.
20—Gets 4 hits in 11-10 defeat by Red Sox.
22—Gets 3B, 2 1Bs in 8-7 win over Yankees.
23—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 5-2 win over Senators.

COMMENT—A great flyhawk in center, he had his first .300 season.

WERTZ, VIC

Red Sox (1B, L-R, 6-0, 200, 35, 13 yrs.)
G.—94 R.—38 H.—68 HR.—7 RBI.—49 AVG.—.375
April 14—Comes down with virus; out awhile.
22—Hits HR in 8-4 win over Orioles.
24—RBIs 5 on HR, 2B as Sox beat Senators, 7-2.
May 28—Beats Senators, 3-1, on 2-run HR.
June 6—Beats Chisox, 4-2, with 2-run HR, 2 1Bs.
18—Back after muscle pull, RBIs 3 in 7-6 win over Indians on HR, 2B, 1B.
July 16—Beats Chisox, 5-4, on 1B after 2 2Bs.
Aug. 14—Beats Yankees on grand slam in 8th.
Sept. 7—Hits 3-run HR in 12-4 win over Yanks.

COMMENT—A rough customer at bat—when he can play.

WHITE, SAMMY

Red Sox (C, R-R, 6-3, 195, 31, 9 yrs.)
G.—119 R.—34 H.—107 HR.—1 RBI.—42 AVG.—.284
May 2—Gets 3 1Bs in 5-4 win over White Sox.
30—Back after back injury, hits 3-run 2B in 5-4 victory over Orioles.
July 5—RBIs 5 in 9-0 rout of Orioles.
9—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 14-3 win over Yankees.
29—Gets 4 hits as Sox down Indians, 4-1.
Aug. 14—Hits HR, 3 1Bs in 11-6 win over Yanks.
15—Hits 3B, 3 1Bs in 12-4 win over Yankees.
31—Gets 3 hits in 4-3 win over Senators.

COMMENT—A 100-game catcher for Sox from start, recovered some of batting touch, but not old power. A slick receiver.

WILLIAMS, DICK

Athletics (OF-IF, R-R, 6-0, 190, 30, 8 yrs.)
G.—130 R.—72 H.—130 HR.—16 RBI.—75 AVG.—.266
April 21—RBIs 3 on 2B, 1B in win over Chisox.
May 17—Hits 3-run HR in 10-0 rout of Yankees.
23—Hits 3 2Bs in 16-0 rout of White Sox.
June 2—Gets 3 hits in 5-3 victory over Red Sox.
24—Hits 2-run HR, 1B in 4-3 win over Yankees.
July 16—Beats Orioles, 4-3, with 2-run 1B.
24—Hits HR, 1B in 3-1 win over Red Sox.
29—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 5-4 win over Senators.
Aug. 25—Beats Orioles, 6-5, with 3rd 1B in 7th.

COMMENT—Had his top year. A good all-around player who has developed as a hitter.

WILLIAMS, TED

Red Sox (OF, L-R, 6-4, 210, 41, 18 yrs.)
G.—103 R.—32 H.—69 HR.—10 RBI.—43 AVG.—.254
May 12—Hitless against White Sox in debut, delayed by spring training neck injury.
30—Celebrates 20th anniversary as major leaguer by making 4 hits in sweep against Orioles and winning 2nd game with his 483rd HR (1st of '59).
June 2—Gets 2500th hit, a 2B, in loss to A's.
27—Hits 2-run HR in rally that beats Indians; named to A. L. All-Stars as outfield spare.
July 9—RBIs 3 on HR, 2B in 14-3 rout of Yanks.
10—Gets 2B, 2 1Bs in 8-5 victory over Yankees.
Aug. 22—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 7-1 rout of Tigers.

COMMENT—Troubled all season by neck injury, never got rolling. Greatest of all modern hitters, may have had it. Pride may bring him back for one last try.

WILSON, BOB

Tigers (C, R-R, 6-0, 200, 31, 9 yrs.)
G.—67 R.—28 H.—60 HR.—4 RBI.—35 AVG.—.263
May 20—Gets 3 hits in 13-6 rout of Yankees.
June 11—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 8-1 win over Bosox.
23—RBIs 4 on 2B, SF in 11-2 rout of Senators.
30—Hits 2 2Bs in 11-2 victory over Orioles.
Aug. 6—Hits HR, 2 1Bs in 4-0 win over Yankees.
15—Injured vs. Indians; out rest of way.

COMMENT—A smart, dependable receiver and a handy hitter.

WOODLING, GENE

Orioles (OF, L-R, 5-10, 190, 37, 14 yrs.)
G.—140 R.63 H.—132 HR.—14 RBI.—77 AVG.—.300
April 17—Beats Senators, 4-3, on SF in 8th.
May 11—Hits 2-run HR in 7-3 win over Senators.
26—Beats Senators, 6-5, on 3-run HR in 6th.
28—Hits 2-run HR in 5-0 win over Yankees.
June 9—Gets 3 hits in 7-3 win over Indians.
19—Hits 2-run HR in 8-2 victory over A's.
July 4—Gets 3 hits in 11-5 win over Red Sox.
26—RBIs 4 on HR, 1B in 4-0 win over Chisox.
27—Beats Tigers, 5-2, on grand slam, RBI 1B; named to A. L. All-Stars for 2nd game.
Aug. 20—Hits 2 2Bs, scores 3 in rout of Chisox.
Sept. 6—RBIs 3 on HR, 1B in 5-4 win.

COMMENT—Had one of best seasons. Counted out a few years ago, has had three solid good years back-to-back. How long can this solid old pro continue?

YOST, EDDIE

Tigers (3B, R-R, 5-10, 185, 33, 15 yrs.)
G.—148 R.—*115 H.—145 HR.—21 RBI.—61 AVG.—.278
April 18—Hits 2-run HR in 5-2 win over Chisox.
May 20—RBIs on 2 HRs, one a grand slam, and 1B in 14-6 victory over Yankees.
30—Gets 4 hits in 4-3 loss to White Sox.
June 1—Hits HR, 1B in 3-1 win over Indians.
7—RBIs 3 on 2 HRs in 6-4 win over Senators.
8—Hits 2B, 2 1Bs in 6-3 victory over Red Sox.
20—Hits key 1B in rally that beats Nats.
Aug. 6—Hits 5th HR vs. Yankees in 4-0 win.
14—Gets 5 hits in 11-1 rout of Indians.
23—Hits grand slam, 2 1Bs in 9-5 win over Balt.
28—Beats A's, 6-5, on HR in 10th.
Sept. 7—Hits 2 HRs in loss to Indians.

COMMENT—Acquired by Tigers in December trade with Senators, had best all-around season. A topnotch fielder, a genius at getting on base and a power threat, despite low average.

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BATTING AVERAGES

PLAYER	April 26	May 10	May 24	June 7	June 21	July 4	July 19	Aug. 2	Aug. 16	Aug. 30	Sept. 13	Final
Kuenn, Detroit	.346	.400	.378	.353	.359	.353	.342	.343	.351	.355	.351	.353
Kaline, Detroit	.412	.364	.329	.325	.351	.344	.330	.326	.325	.332	.326	.327
Runnels, Boston	.349	.337	.316	.317	.340	.344	.330	.318	.319	.318	.316	.314
Fox, Chicago	.377	.388	.359	.327	.333	.330	.333	.331	.326	.314	.303	.306
Minoso, Cleveland	.304	.238	.282	.288	.296	.293	.291	.292	.303	.298	.292	.302
Richardson, New York	.205	.232	.247	.237	.280	.284	.275	.275	.265	.284	.289	.301
Tuttle, Kansas City	.226	.283	.286	.299	.262	.266	.284	.283	.281	.304	.302	.300
Woodling, Baltimore	.526	.321	.310	.322	.328	.315	.330	.337	.324	.317	.305	.300
Power, Cleveland	.429	.337	.310	.282	.295	.299	.302	.309	.301	.302	.291	.289
Mantle, New York	.227	.276	.275	.309	.304	.297	.292	.287	.285	.279	.289	.285
Cerv, Kansas City	.294	.273	.274	.279	.262	.269	.265	.270	.274	.292	.293	.285

Bold type denotes leader for that week.

HOME RUNS

PLAYER	April 26	May 10	May 24	June 7	June 21	July 4	July 19	Aug. 2	Aug. 16	Aug. 30	Sept. 13	Final
Colavito, Cleveland	2	7	12	14	20	23	29	30	34	38	40	42
Killebrew, Washington	2	8	15	19	24	26	32	33	36	37	40	42
Lemon, Washington	3	7	10	12	17	19	21	23	26	26	29	33
Mantle, New York	2	3	6	10	15	18	20	20	22	25	28	31
Maxwell, Detroit	1	5	7	10	14	18	22	22	23	27	30	31
Allison, Washington	2	4	8	12	17	26	26	27	27	28	29	30
Held, Cleveland	5	5	7	7	10	16	16	19	21	24	28	29
Jensen, Boston	3	7	10	11	13	17	21	22	24	25	27	28
Kaline, Detroit	2	5	8	10	12	15	16	18	21	22	24	27
Triandos, Baltimore	4	6	9	12	17	18	22	22	23	25	25	25

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RUNS BATTED IN

PLAYER	*April 26	May 10	May 24	June 7	June 21	July 4	July 19	Aug. 2	Aug. 16	Aug. 30	Sept. 13	Final
Jensen, Boston	10	17	24	34	42	54	72	73	84	90	100	112
Colavito, Cleveland	5	13	24	28	43	53	70	77	88	95	103	111
Killebrew, Washington	5	19	32	40	52	64	80	81	91	95	100	105
Lemon, Washington	6	21	26	31	41	56	62	64	69	71	91	100
Maxwell, Detroit	6	14	22	31	43	54	65	68	74	81	93	95
Kaline, Detroit	3	13	20	28	43	50	53	59	66	76	84	94
Lopez, Kansas City-New York	4	11	15	34	40	50	56	62	67	80	86	93
Minoso, Cleveland	9	13	20	26	43	49	56	66	73	79	82	92
Malzone, Boston	4	11	16	19	27	39	49	61	75	82	85	92
Cerv, Kansas City	7	23	26	29	30	42	52	52	54	68	76	87

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	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Ninth	Tenth	A. L. record
Batting average	Kuenn .353	Kaline .327	Runnels .314	Fox .306	Minoso .302	Richardson .301	Tuttle .300	Woodling .300	Power .289	Mantle .285	.422 Lajoie Philadelphia, '01
Times at bat	Fox 624	Aparicio 612	Malzone 604	Power 595	Colavito 588	Minoso 570	Allison 570	Kuenn 561	Runnels 560	Killebrew 546	679 Kuenn Detroit, '53
Runs	Yost 115	Mantle 104	Power 102	Jensen 101	Kuenn 99	Aparicio 98	Killebrew 98	Runnels 95	Minoso 92	2 tied at 90	177 Ruth New York, '21
Hits	Kuenn 198	Fox 191	Runnels 176	Minoso 172	Power 172	Malzone 169	Kaline 167	Aparicio 157	Mantle 154	Lopez 153	257 Sisler St. Louis, '20
Doubles	Kuenn 42	Fox 34	Malzone 34	Runnels 33	R. Williams 33	Minoso 32	Jensen 31	Power 31	Phillips 27	2 tied at 26	67 Webb Boston, '31
Triples	Allison 9	McDougald 8	Kuenn 7	Kubek 7	Landis 7	Maris 7	5 tied at 6				26 Jackson, Clev., '12 26 Crawford, Det., '14
Homers	Killebrew 42	Colavito 42	Lemon 33	Mantle 31	Maxwell 31	Allison 30	Held 29	Jensen 28	Kaline 27	Triandos 25	60 Ruth New York, '27
Total bases	Colavito 301	Killebrew 282	Kuenn 281	Mantle 278	Allison 275	Kaline 271	Lemon 271	Minoso 267	Malzone 264	Jensen 263	457 Ruth New York, '21
Slugging percentage	Kaline .530	Killebrew .516	Mantle .514	Colavito .512	Lemon .510	Kuenn .501	Jensen .492	Allison .482	Cerv .479	Lopez .471	.847 Ruth New York, '21
Runs batted in	Jensen 112	Colavito 111	Killebrew 105	Lemon 100	Maxwell 95	Kaline 94	Lopez 93	Malzone 92	Minoso 92	Cerv 87	184 Gehrig New York, '31
Stolen bases	Aparicio 56	Mantle 21	Jensen 20	Landis 20	Allison 13	Kaline 10	Tuttle 10	5 tied at 9			96 Cobb Detroit, '15
Walks	Yost 135	Runnels 95	Mantle 94	Buddin 92	Killebrew 90	Jensen 88	Maxwell 81	Landis 78	Woodling 78	Kaline 72	170 Ruth New York, '32
Strikeouts	Mantle 126	Held 118	Killebrew 116	Buddin 99	Lemon 99	Allison 92	Maxwell 91	Cerv 87	Colavito 86	Tasby 80	138 J. Lemon Washington, '56
Ground into double plays	Lollar 27	Allison 22	Jensen 20	Power 19	Runnels 17	Malzone 15	Bridges 14	White 14	3 tied at 13		32, Jensen Boston, '54

AL PITCHERS

BELL, GARY
Indians (R, 6-1, 190, 23, 2 yrs.)
G.-44 IP.-234 H.-208 BB.-105 SO.-136 W.-16 L.-11 ERA.-4.04
April 22—Downs Tigers, 10-1, on 7-hitter.
May 17—Stops Orioles, 8-3, on 7-hitter.
22—Shuts out Tigers, 1-0, on 4 hits.
June 15—Fans 9 in 3-hit, 5-1 win over Red Sox.
July 24—Gives Senators 6 hits in 5-2 victory.
28—Stops Red Sox, 5-2, on 6-hitter.
Aug. 6—Turns back Senators, 5-2, on 6-hitter.
Sept. 12—Hurls 3-hitter to down Senators, 7-2.

COMMENT—Improved on good rookie record and appears set for long run as front-liner.

BREWER, TOM
Red Sox (R, 6-1, 180, 28, 6 yrs.)
G.-36 IP.-215 H.-219 BB.-88 SO.-121 W.-10 L.-12 ERA.-3.77
April 17—Shuts out Yankees, 4-0, on 2 singles.
May 1—Drops 5-hitter to White Sox, 1-0.
21—Quits 5-0 win over A's in 8th; sore hand.
June 13—Stops A's, 6-1, on 6-hitter.
20—Beats White Sox, 8-2, with 8-hitter.
July 5—Shuts out Orioles, 9-0, on 3 hits.
Aug. 23—Loses 5-hitter to Indians, 1-0.
Sept. 6—Hurls 5-hitter to beat Senators, 2-1.
15—Shuts out Indians, 1-0, on 6 hits.

COMMENT—Two 1-0 defeats made difference between winning and losing season. Big hook is not as sharp as it was but still can be baffling.

BROWN, HECTOR
Orioles (R, 6-2, 180, 35, 9 yrs.)
G.-31 IP.-164 H.-158 BB.-32 SO.-81 W.-11 L.-9 ERA.-3.79
May 18—Goes 7⅔ in 3-0 win over White Sox.
31—Downs Red Sox, 2-1, with 4-hitter.
June 19—Works 8⅔ in 2-0 victory over A's.
Sept. 14—Beats A's, 9-4, with 5-hitter.

COMMENT—A savvy piece-worker who doesn't often last but keeps the Orioles in contention.

BUNNING, JIM
Tiger (R, 6-3, 185, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.-40 IP.-250 H.-220 BB.-75 SO.-201* W.-17 L.-13 ERA.-3.89
May 5—After 3 losses, beats Red Sox, 8-3, on 6 hits.
9—Fans 11 in 10-hit 7-4 victory over A's.
14—Downs Senators, 4-2, on 4 hits.
18—Beats Red Sox, 14-2, on 7-hitter.
23—Holds Indians to 6 hits in 6-4 victory.
June 27—Named to staff of A. L. All-Stars.
July 23—Ends slump with 4-hitter vs. Senators.
Aug. 11—Downs White Sox, 8-1, on 8 hits.
20—Gives Yankess 5 hits in 14-2 victory.
Sept. 1—Shuts out White Sox, 4-0, on 3 hits.
9—Stops Red Sox, 3-1, on 3 hits.

COMMENT—Still on rise. His good stuff should take him far.

CASALE, JERRY
Red Sox (R, 6-1½, 195, 26, 2 yrs.)
G.-31 IP.- 180 H.-162 BB.-89 SO.-93 W.-13 L.-8 ERA.-4.30
April 15—Hits HR in 7-hit, 7-3 win over Nats.
June 4—Beats A's 5-2, with 7-hitter.
9—Turns back Tigers, 5-2, on 4 hits.
14—Downs A's, 6-1, with 5-hitter.
20—Shuts out White Sox, 9-0, on 3 hits.
July 27—Blanks Indians, 4-0, on 3 hits.
Aug. 29—Stops Orioles, 4-1, on 4-hitter.
Sept. 23—Shuts out Orioles, 4-0, on 9 hits.

COMMENT—Showed impressive qualifications in first full year.

CLEVENGER, TRUMAN
Senators (R, 6-1½, 180, 27, 5 yrs.)
G.-50 IP.-117 H.-114 BB.-51 SO.-71 W.-8 L.-5 ERA.-3.92
Aug. 5—In 1st start after 33 relief appearances, shuts out Indians, 9-0, on 7 hits.
Sept. 4—Goes 8 to down Red Sox, 4-3.
14—Shuts out Tigers, 5-0, on 4 hits.

COMMENT—Showed enough to rate further trial as starter.

DALEY, BUD
A's (L, 6-1, 185, 27, 5 yrs.)
G.-39 IP.-216 H.-212 BB.-62 SO.-125 W.-16 L.-13 ERA.-3.17
May 23—Shuts out White Sox, 16-0, on 4 hits.
28—Beats Indians, 7-2, with 10-hitter.
June 1—Sets down White Sox, 3-1, on 7 hits
6—Holds Orioles to 5 hits in 5-1 victory.
24—Downs Yankees, 4-3, on 7-hitter.
27—Named to staff of A. L. All-Stars.
July 21—Downs Orioles, 8-1, on 5-hitter.
25—Shuts out Red Sox, 3-0, on 4 hits.
Aug. 11—Stops Indians, 7-3, with 9-hitter.
15—Defeats White Sox, 2-1, on 6-hitter.
19—Turns back Red Sox, 6-3, on 4-hitter.
Sept. 13—Downs Orioles, 4-1, on 6-hitter.

COMMENT—Figured as a reliefer, wound up as A's top starter. Off 1959, at last has it made. A knuckle-ball expert.

DELOCK, IKE
Red Sox (R, 5-11, 178, 30, 7 yrs.)
G.-28 IP.-134 H.-120 BB.-62 SO.-55 W.-11 L.-6 ERA.-2.96
April 24—Turns back Senators, 7-2, on 6 hits.
May 17—Beats Tigers, 10-1, with 6-hitter.
22—Downs Senators, 4-3, on 9-hitter.
June 23—Holds Tigers to 5 hits in 10-4 win.

COMMENT—Not up to 1958 par as starter, went back to old specialty of relief.

DITMAR, ART
Yankees (R, 6-2, 190, 31, 6 yrs.)
G.-38 IP.-202 H.-156 BB.-52 SO.-96 W.-13 L.-9 ERA.-2.90
May 30—Downs Senators, 11-2, on 8-hitter.
June 5—Turns back Indians, 11-2, on 7-hitter.
16—Holds White Sox to 4 hits in 5-1 victory.
July 26—Blanks Tigers for 9, but Yankees lose, 1-0.
Aug. 23—Holds White Sox to 3 hits in 7-1 win.
28—Shuts out Senators, 4-0, on 2 hits; RBIs 3.
Sept. 3—Hurls 4-hitter to beat Senators, 9-2.
22—Defeats Senators, 8-4, on 6-hitter.

COMMENT—The Yankees turned to him when others failed and he gave them good work.

DONOVAN, DICK
White Sox (R, 6-3, 205, 32, 9 yrs.)
G.-31 IP.-180 H.-171 BB.-58 SO.-71 W.-9 L.-10 ERA.-3.65
May 20—In 1st CG, beats Orioles, 5-2, on 4-hitter.
June 14—Goes 9⅔ to beat Orioles, 3-2.
28—Goes 8⅓ to down Yankees, 4-2.
July 21—Turns back Red Sox, 2-1, on 6-hitter; hurts shoulder, out four weeks.
Aug. 29—Shuts out Indians, 2-0, on 5 hits.
Sept. 2—Goes 8 to defeat Tigers, 7-2.

COMMENT—Subpar all season and shoulder compounded matters. Normally a solid sender.

FISCHER BILL
Senators (R, 6-0, 190, 29, 4 yrs.)
G.-34 IP.-187 H.-211 BB.-43 SO.-62 W.-9 L.-11 ERA.-4.28
April 26—Downs Red Sox, 2-1, on 9-hitter.
30—Beats Tigers, 9-1, with 6-hitter.
June 3—Shuts out Indians, 4-0, on 3 hits.
July 11—Gives 7 hits in 9-3 win over Orioles.
Sept. 18—Stops Orioles, 5-3, on 5 hits.

COMMENT—Spotty, but won most games of career, and may have made a place for himself.

FORD, WHITEY
Yankees (L, 5-10, 175, 31, 8 yrs.)
G.-35 IP.-204 H.-194 BB.-89 SO.-114 W.-16 L.-10 ERA.-3.04
April 15—Downs Orioles, 3-1, on 6-hitter.
22—Goes 14 to shut out Senators, 1-0, on 7 hits.
May 24—Shuts out Orioles, 9-0, on 2 hits.
29—Hurls 8-hitter to beat Orioles, 5-2.
June 4—Sets down Tigers, 14-3, on 7 hits.
23—Stops A's, 10-2, with 5-hitter.
27—Named to staff of A. L. All-Stars.
Aug. 7—After elbow trouble, fans 10, gives 5 hits in 7⅔ to beat A's, 3-0.
Sept. 19—Downs Red Sox, 3-1, on 4 hits.
25—Turns back Orioles, 5-2, on 8-hitter.

COMMENT—Wound up with respectable record but lost more games than ever before and wasn't the "stopper" he had been in establishing himself as league's No. 1 southpaw.

FOYTACK PAUL
Tigers (6-0, 180, 29, 6 yrs.)
G.-39 IP.-240 H.-239 BB.-64 SO.-110 W.-14 L.-14 ERA.-4.65
May 22—Record at 1-6 after 1-0 loss to Indians.
June 1—Downs Indians, 3-1, on 5-hitter.
6—Stops Senators, 4-1, on 4-hitter.
14—Beats Yankees, 8-2, on 9-hitter.
27—Yields 11 hits but beats Orioles, 12-2.
July 12—Turns back Indians, 6-2, on 6 hits.
21—Downs Senators, 8-1, on 6-hitter.
Aug. 6—Shuts out Yankees, 4-0, on 3 hits.
17—Defeats Indians, 5-4, on 8-hitter.
21—Shuts out Red Sox, 2-0, on 4 hits.
29—Stops A's, 9-3, on 6-hitter.

COMMENT—Slow start and weak finish made E.R.A. soar but still had fair year.

GARVER NED
A's (R, 5-10, 185, 34, 12 yrs.)
G.-32 IP.-201 H.-214 BB.-42 SO.-61 W.-10 L.-13 ERA.-3.72
April 16—Shuts out White Sox, 6-0, on 5 hits.
30—Downs Orioles, 4-3, on 8 hits.
May 31—Holds White Sox to 4 hits in 9-1 victory.
June 21—Shuts out Orioles, 7-0, on 3 hits.
July 23—Turns back Orioles, 9-2, on 7 hits.
Aug. 16—Defeats White Sox, 7-2, on 9-hitter.

COMMENT—A craftsman who always gives a good account of himself.

GRANT, JIM
Indians (R, 6-1, 185, 24, 2 yrs.)
G.-38 IP.-165 H.-140 BB.-81 SO.-85 W.-10 L.-7 ERA.-4.15
May 3—In 1st start, blanks Senators on 2 hits.
June 21—Goes 14 innings to down Yankees, 5-4.
Aug. 20—Holds Senators to 3 hits in 6-1 win.
Sept. 6—Downs White Sox, 2-1, on 8-hitter.
15—Drops 6-hitter to Red Sox, 1-0.

COMMENT—Did not progress as much as hoped as sophomore but remains a fine prospect for the future.

HERBERT, RAY
A's (R, 5-11, 185, 30, 7 yrs.)
G.-37 IP.-184 H.-196 BB.-62 SO.-99 W.-11 L.-11 ERA.-4.84
April 19—Downs Indians, 4-3, on 7-hitter.
May 15—Holds Senators to 5 hits in 4-2 victory.
20—Turns back Red Sox, 3-2, on 8-hitter.
24—Gives 12 hits but lasts to beat White Sox, 8-6.
July 9—Shuts out Tigers, 5-0, on 5 hits.
14—Blanks Orioles, 1-0, on 4 hits.
18—Downs Senators, 10-3, on 6-hitter.
22—Holds Orioles to 6 hits in 9-3 triumph.

COMMENT—Primarily a reliefer in past, did well as starter for first half, then ran out of gas.

KEMMERER, RUSS
Senators (R, 6-2, 200, 28, 5 yrs.)
G.-37 IP.-206 H.-221 BB.-71 SO.-89 W.-8 L.-17 ERA.-4.50
April 19—Beats Orioles, 4-2, on 8-hitter.
28—Turns back A's, 8-3, on 8-hitter.
May 2—Breezes to 15-3 win over Tigers.
June 28—Downs A's, 7-3, on 8-hitter.
Aug. 18—Stops Indians, 11-4, on 9-hitter.
22—Loses 3-hitter to White Sox, 1-0.

COMMENT—Showed some improvement. Lost several heart-breakers.

KUCKS, JOHN
A's (R, 6-2, 190, 26, 5 yrs.)
G.-42 IP.-168 H.-184 BB.-51 SO.-60 W.-8 L.-12 ERA.-4.34
May 26—Traded to A's by Yankees with Lumpe and Sturdivant for Lopez and Terry.
July 9—Shuts out Tigers, 4-0, on 5 hits.
24—Downs Red Sox, 3-1, on 9-hitter.
28—Turns back Senators, 6-1, on 5 hits.
Aug. 1—Defeats Yankees, 2-1, on 7-hitter.
23—Stops Senators, 4-2, on 4 hits.
Sept. 15—Beats Senators, 6-2, on 5-hitter.

COMMENT—Has yet to match 1956 form with Yankees. But he's young enough to come all the way back.

LARSEN, DON
Yankees (R, 6-4, 225, 30, 7 yrs.)
G.-25 IP.-125 H.-122 BB.-76 SO.-69 W.-6 L.-7 ERA.-4.32
May 17—Yields 10 hits but beats A's, 3-2.
30—Shuts out Senators, 11-0, on 4 hits; fans 9.
July 2—Loses 5-hitter to Orioles, 3-1.

COMMENT—Chronic arm trouble makes his future dubious. Seldom goes 9 innings.

LARY, FRANK
Tigers (R, 5-11, 180, 29, 6 yrs.)
G.-32 IP.-223 H.-225 BB.-46 SO.-137 W.-17 L.-10 ERA.-3.55
April 29—Scores 5-inning win over Orioles, 7-1.
May 3—Downs Yankees, 4-2, on 8-hitter.
7—Turns back Red Sox, 3-1, on 8-hitter.
20—Gives 10 hits but lasts to beat Yanks, 13-6.
30—Stops White Sox, 4-2, on 9 hits.
June 30—Shuts out A's, 4-0, on 5 hits.
July 18—Blanks Orioles, 2-0, on 6 hits.
26—Goes 10 to shut out Yanks, 1-0, on 8 hits.
30—Downs Orioles, 11-2, on 7-hitter.
Aug. 4—Wins No. 5 from Yanks, 4-3, on 6 hits.
14—Tops Indians, 11-1, on 7-hitter.

COMMENT—Tailed off at finish, with 20 victories in reach. Hard thrower, hard worker.

LOWN, TURK

White Sox (R, 6-1, 185, 35, 8 yrs.)
G.-60 IP.-93 H.-73 BB.-42 SO.-63 W.-9 L.-2 ERA.-2.90
June 28—Saves 4-2 win over Yanks in 9th.
July 5—Goes 4 vs. A's to win No. 5.
25—Works 6 to beat Orioles in 17th, 3-2.
Aug. 24—Holds Red Sox in 10th to take No. 8.

COMMENT—With Staley, formed A. L.'s best bullpen duo.

MAAS, DUKE

Yankees (R, 5-10, 165, 29, 5 yrs.)
G.-38 IP.-138 H.-149 BB.-53 SO.-67 W.-14 L.-8 ERA.-4.43
June 20—Downs Indians, 10-2, on 8-hitter.
Sept. 13—Shuts out Indians, 1-0, on 6 hits.

COMMENT—Did well as spot starter and middle reliefer. May be in line for more work.

MC LISH, CAL

Indians (R, 6-1, 200, 34, 10 yrs.)
G.-35 IP.-235 H.-253* BB.-72 SO.-113 W.-19 L.-8 ERA.-3.64
April 15—Goes 10 to down Tigers, 2-1, on 9 hits.
21—Stops Tigers, 14-1, on 6-hitter.
May 1—Goes 10 to top Yankees, 4-2, on 7 hits.
8—Turns back White Sox, 3-1, on 5 hits.
June 16—Posts 6-hit, 4-1, win over Red Sox.
21—Gives 11 hits to Yanks but wins, 4-2.
30—Downs White Sox, 3-1, on 4 hits.
July 4—Defeats Tigers, 6-1, on 5-hitter.
21—Checks Yankees, 5-1, on 3 hits.
25—Gives Senators 7 hits in 8-1 triumph.
Aug. 25—Yields 12 hits but stops Yanks, 6-3.
Sept. 20—Defeats A's, 4-3, on 9-hitter.

COMMENT—A late-rising star, has been Indian ace last two years. Poison to the Yankees.

MOSSI, DON

Tigers (L, 6-1½, 195, 30, 6 yrs.)
G.-34 IP.-228 H.-210 BB.-49 SO.-125 W.-17 L.-9 ERA.-3.36
May 3—Downs Yankees, 8-2, on 8-hitter.
19—Gives Yankees 12 hits but wins, 6-3.
30—Turns back White Sox, 4-1, on 5 hits.
June 2—Shuts out Yankees, 2-0, on 4 hits.
12—Beats Yankees again, 3-1, with 6-hitter.
28—Stops Orioles, 7-2, on 6-hitter.
July 24—Wins No. 5 from Yanks, 4-2, on 6-hitter.
28—Downs Orioles, 8-3, on 3 hits.
Aug. 5—Drops 8-hitter to Yankees, 3-0.
30—Shuts out A's, 4-0, on 3 hits.
Sept. 4—Hits 2 2Bs, 1B in 9-2 win over A's.
25—Beats White Sox, 6-5, with 6-hitter.

COMMENT—Used mainly as a starter by Tigers had best season. Has developed good "junk" stuff.

O'DELL, BILLY

Orioles (L, 5-11, 165, 27, 5 yrs.)
G.-38 IP.-199 H.-163 BB.-67 SO.-88 W.-10 L.-12 ERA.-2.94
May 19—Beats White Sox, 2-1, with 2-run HR.
June 19—Downs A's, 8-2, on 4-hitter.
July 14—Loses 5-hitter to A's, 1-0.
27—Named to A. L. staff for 2nd All-Star game.
Sept. 2—Shuts out Red Sox, 4-0, on 7 hits.
27—Stops Yankees, 3-1, with 6-hitter; fans 10.

COMMENT—A rising southpaw. Does quality work as a starter and in relief. Traded to Giants with Loes for Brandt and two rookies.

PAPPAS, MILT

Orioles (R, 6-3, 190, 20, 3 yrs.)
G.-33 IP.-209 H.-175 BB.-75 SO.-120 W.-15 L.-9 ERA.-3.27
April 17—Downs Senators, 4-3, on 6 hits.
June 5—Beats A's, 6-1, with 5-hitter.
17—Blanks Tigers, 4-0, on 2 hits.
23—Turns back Indians, 5-1, on 5 hits.
July 9—Shuts out Senators, 8-0, on 7 hits.
14—Beats A's, 3-1, on 5-hitter.
26—Shuts out White Sox, 4-0, on 5 hits.
Aug. 9—Tops Indians, 4-3, on 6-hitter.
Aug. 15—Stops Senators, 4-2, with 4-hitter.
Sept. 4—Shuts out Yankees, 3-0, on 6 hits.
19—Holds Senators to 5 hits in 5-3 victory.

COMMENT—This strong-winged Oriole fledgling should go far. Already has 25 victories.

PASCUAL, CAMILO

Senators (R, 5-11, 165, 26, 6 yrs.)
G.-32 IP.-239 H.-202 BB.-69 SO.-185 W.-17 L.-10 ERA.-2.64
May 1—Goes 10 to down Tigers, 4-3, on 8 hits.
10—Loses 10-inning 7-hitter to Yankees, 3-2.
16—Turns back A's, 7-2, on 4 hits.
27—Shuts out Orioles, 6-0, on 2 hits.
June 17—Hurls 8-hitter to top A's, 7-2.
July 1—Holds Red Sox to 4 hits in 4-1 victory.
5—Shuts out Yankees, 7-0, on 4 hits; fans 10.
15—Hurls 5-inning 1-hitter to beat Tigers, 3-0.
19—Shuts out A's, 7-0, on 5 hits.
29—Added to A. L. staff for 2nd All-Star game.
Sept. 5—Defeats Red Sox, 14-2, on 5-hitter.
10—Turns back Indians, 8-2, on 4 hits; fans 10.
15—Shuts out A's, 1-0, on 3-hitter.
20—Blanks Orioles, 5-0, on 6 hits.

COMMENT—Had best season by far. Still on rise, could be one of best.

PERRY, JIM

Indians (R, 6-4, 190, 23, 1 yr.)
G.-44 IP.-153 H.-122 BB.-55 SO.-79 W.-12 L.-10 ERA.-2.65
May 12—Fans 4 in 2-inning save vs. Yankees.
July 26—Shut out Senators, 9-0, on 2 hits.
Aug. 4—Downs Senators, 8-2, on 6-hitter.
23—Blanks Red Sox, 1-0, on 3 hits.
Sept. 9—Turns back Orioles, 4-1, on 5 hits.
13—Loses 6-hitter to Yankees, 1-0.
18—Stops A's, 11-2, on 5 hits.

COMMENT—Shone in relief, then as starter, in rookie year. His future seems bright.

PIERCE, BILLY

White Sox (L, 5-10, 170, 33, 13 yrs.)
G.-34 IP.-224 H.-217 BB.-62 SO.-114 W.-14 L.-15 ERA.-3.62
April 14—Shuts out A's, 2-0, on 6 hits.
26—RBIs 2, scores 1 in 5-2 win over Indians.
30—Goes 11 to beat Yankees, 4-3, on 9-hitter.
May 10—Goes 11 to down Indians, 5-4.
15—Shuts out Yankees, 6-0, on 6 hits.
June 3—Stops Orioles, 6-1, with 8-hitter.
11—Holds Senators to 1 hit in 3-1 victory.
21—Defeats Red Sox, 3-2, with 6-hitter.
27—Named to staff of A. L. All-Stars.
July 9—Downs Indians, 4-3, on 5-hitter.
24—Checks Orioles. 2-1, on 7 hits.
28—Yields 10 hits but beats Yankees, 4-3.
Aug. 15—Injures hip in 2-1 loss to A's.
Sept. 7—On return, goes 7 to beat A's, 2-1.

COMMENT—Not as consistently sharp as usual, even before injury. But still one of best southpaws.

RAMOS, PEDRO

Senators (R, 6-0, 175, 25, 5 yrs.)
G.-37 IP.-234 H.-233 BB.-52 SO.-95 W.-13 L.-19* ERA.-4.15
April 9—Turns back Orioles, 9-2, on 7 hits.
16—Gives 10 hits but beats Red Sox, 7-5.
25—Downs Red Sox, 8-4, on 9-hitter.
May 17—Stops White Sox, 4-2, on 5-hitter.
June 2—Goes 10 to beat Indians, 3-2, on 7 hits.
21—Defeats Tigers, 7-4, on 9-hitter.
30—Downs Red Sox, 6-1, on 6-hitter.
July 14—Beats Tigers, 4-2, with 8-hitter.
26—Loses 12-inning 9-hitter to Indians, 4-3.
Sept. 11—Downs Indians, 5-4, on 9-hitter.

COMMENT—A hard-worker, he has been wheelhorse of Senator staff for last 3 years. Not brilliant but a solid performer.

SCORE, HERB

Indians (L, 6-2, 185, 26, 5 yrs.)
G.-30 IP.-161 H.-123 BB.-115 SO.-147 W.-9 L.-11 ERA.-4.70
April 14—Fans 9 in 5-hit, 8-1 win over Tigers.
May 2—Downs Yankees, 5-2, on 6 hits.
16—Pitches 6-hitter to beat Red Sox, 12-6.
24—Fans 10 in 5-hit, 3-2 win over Tigers.
June 7—Gives Yankees 6 hits in 7-5 victory.
28—Shuts out Red Sox, 1-0, on 2 hits.
July 3—Fans 14 to beat A's, 8-4, on 5-hitter.
14—Loses 4-hitter to Yankees, 1-0.

COMMENT—Showed flashes of old brilliant form, then came down with bad arm. Has had nothing but trouble since 1957 face injury. But he's still young enough to come back big.

SHAW, BOB

White Sox (R. 6-2, 190, 26, 3 yrs.)
G.-47 IP.-231 H.-217 BB.-54 SO.-89 W.-18 L.-6 ERA.-2.69
May 13—Blanks Red Sox on 5 hits in 1st start.
22—Goes 8 in 2-1 victory over A's.
June 4—Beats Orioles, 6-5, in 17th, on 5 innings of 4-hit, 1-run relief.
July 18—Goes 8⅓, beats Yanks, 2-1, on RBI 1B.
Aug. 7—Downs Senators, 4-1, on 8 hits.
14—Turns back A's, 5-1, on 5 hits.
23—Shuts out Yankees, 5-0, on 6 hits.
28—Beats Indians, 7-3, with 7-hitter.
Sept. 9—Defeats Senators, 5-1, on 7-hitter.
18—Shuts out Tigers, 1-0, on 5 hits.

COMMENT—His rise out of nowhere was key to White Sox pennant. Figures to stay up there.

STALEY, GERRY

White Sox (R, 6-0, 190, 39, 13 yrs.)
G.-67* IP.-116 H.-111 BB.-25 SO.-54 W.-8 L.-5 ERA.-2.25
April 10—Wins 9-7 opener vs. Tigers in relief.
July 18—In 40th job, saves 2-1 win over Yanks.
Aug. 2—Makes 2nd save in 2 days vs. Senators.
9—Goes 4⅔ to complete 9-0 win over Nats.

COMMENT—Busiest—and most effective—reliefer in league, he gave White Sox valiant service.

SULLIVAN, FRANK

Red Sox (R, 6-7, 220, 30, 7 yrs.)
G.-30 IP.-178 H.-172 BB.-67 SO.-107 W.-9 L.-11 ERA.-3.94
May 8—Shuts out Orioles, 5-0, on 5 hits.
28—Downs Senators, 3-1, on 2-hitter.
July 9—Holds Yanks to 6 hits in 14-3 romp.
13—Beats Yanks again, 13-3, with 10-hitter.
Aug. 3—Shuts out Orioles, 3-0, on 4 hits.

COMMENT—Short of double figures in win column for first time since 1953. Should regain them.

TERRY, RALPH

Yankees (R, 6-2, 187, 24, 4 yrs.)
G.-33 IP.-174 H.-186 BB.-49 SO.-90 W.-5 L.-11 ERA.-3.88
April 24—For A's, beats Tigers, 10-1, on 8 hits.
May 3—Downs Red Sox, 7-3, on 8-hitter.
May 26—Traded to Yankees with Lopez for Kucks, Sturdivant and Lumpe.
July 1—Shuts out Orioles, 4-0, on 4 hits.
17—Loses 2-hitter to White Sox, 2-0.
Sept. 10—Holds A's to 4 hits in 11-1 victory.

COMMENT—Had off year but pitched better than record indicates and rates high in Yankee plans for the future.

TURLEY, BOB

Yankees (R, 6-2, 205, 29, 8 yrs.)
G.-33 IP.-154 H.-141 BB.-83 SO.-111 W.-8 L.-11 ERA.-4.32
April 12—Downs Red Sox, 3-2, on 2 hits.
29—Turns back White Sox, 5-2, on 9-hitter.
May 31—Going route 1st time in month, shuts out Senators. 3-0, on 2 hits.
June 6—Holds Indians to 6 hits in 2-1 victory.
July 4—Pitches 1-hitter, Becquer spoiling with pop fly 1B in 9th, to beat Senators, 1-0.
11—Hurts shoulder in collision with Howard in relief vs. Red Sox; out three weeks.
Aug. 8—Shuts out A's, 3-0, on 4 hits; fans 10.

COMMENT—His ineffectiveness after great 1958 season was an enigma. Injury compounded matters. He'll have to reestablish himself.

WALKER, JERRY

Orioles (R, 6-1, 190, 21, 3 yrs.)
G.-30 IP.-182 H.-160 BB.-52 SO.-100 W.-11 L.-10 ERA.-2.92
April 18—Stops Senators, 6-1, on 8 hits.
May 7—Beats Senators again, 10-1, on 5 hits.
24—Holds Yanks to 5 hits in 2-1 victory.
July 2—Fans 10 in 3-1 win over Yanks.
9—Shuts out Senators, 5-0, on 4 hits.
Sept. 11—Blanks White Sox, 1-0, on 6 hits in 16.

COMMENT—A bright young prospect, wisely being brought along slowly by Richards.

WILHELM, HOYT

Orioles (R, 6-0, 190, 36, 8 yrs.)
G.-32 IP.-226 H.-178 BB.-77 SO.-139 W.-15 L.-11 ERA.-2.19*
April 21—Beats Red Sox, 5-2, on 8 hits; fans 8.
26—Downs Yankees, 3-2, on 5 hits; fans 8.
May 2—Turns back A's, 3-1, on 5 hits; fans 7.
16—Beats Tigers, 6-1, on 9 hits for No. 5.
22—Shuts out Yanks, 5-0, on 1-hit, in 8th.
28—Blanks Yanks again, 5-0, on 4 hits.
June 2—Beats White Sox, 3-2, on 7 hits; fans 8.
7—Shuts out A's, 3-0, on 7 hits; E.R.A.: 0.999.
15—A's snap his 9-game winning streak, 6-4.
27—Named to A. L. All-Star staff.
July 12—After 4 losses, beats Senators, 4-1.
Aug. 24—Gives 4 hits in 8 to beat Tigers, 11-0.
Sept. 10—Downs Indians, 3-1, on 3 hits; fans 9.
15—Goes 11 to beat Tigers, 2-1, with 4-hitter.

COMMENT—Strictly a reliefer until 1958-59 had great season as starter. His knuckler is best.

WYNN, EARLY

White Sox (R, 6-0, 200, 40, 19 yrs.)
G.-37 IP.-256*H.-202 BB.-119*SO.-179W.-22*L.-10 ERA.-3.16
April 11—Tops Tigers, 5-3, on 7 hits for No. 250.
May 1—Hits HR, gives 1 hit to beat Red Sox, 1-0.
10—Shuts out Indians, 5-0, on 4 hits.
18—Downs Senators, 9-2, on 5 hits.
June 10—Defeats Senators, 4-1, with 5-hitter.
23—Beats Senators, 4-1 again, on 8 hitter.
27—Named to staff of A. L. All-Stars.
28—Stops Yankees, 9-2, on 9 hits for No. 260.
July 17—Shuts out Yankees, 2-0, on 2 hits.
26—Holds Orioles to 2 hits in 4-1 victory.
30—Beats Yankees, 3-1, on 6 hits; fans 9.
Aug. 9—Shuts out Senators, 9-0, on 3 hits.
13—Blanks Tigers, 9-0, on 3 hits.
Sept. 8—Goes 10 to beat A's, 3-2, on 6-hitter.
12—Downs Orioles, 6-1, on 7 hits for 20th win.
22—Goes 5⅔ to beat Indians, in flag-clincher.

COMMENT—Biggest active winner in majors with 271 victories, this was his 5th 20-win season. Appears ready, able, willing to carry on to 300.

1959 American League Pitchers Progress

Player	April 26	May 10	May 24	June 7	June 21	July 4	July 19	Aug. 2	Aug. 16	Aug. 30	Sept. 13	Final
Wynn, Chicago	1-1	3-2	6-3	7-4	9-4	11-5	12-6	14-6	16-7	16-9	19-9	22-10
McLish, Cleveland	2-0	4-0	5-1	5-2	6-3	9-3	11-3	13-4	14-6	16-6	17-8	19-8
Shaw, Chicago	1-0	1-0	4-0	5-2	5-2	6-3	8-3	9-3	12-3	14-4	15-6	18-6
Mossi, Detroit	0-1	1-1	2-2	4-2	5-2	7-3	7-4	9-4	11-6	11-9	13-9	17-9
Lary, Detroit	0-2	3-2	4-3	6-3	7-3	9-4	9-7	13-7	15-7	17-8	17-10	17-10
Pascual, Washington	0-2	2-2	3-4	4-6	5-7	7-7	10-7	11-9	11-9	12-10	15-10	17-10
Bunning, Detroit	0-1	1-3	5-3	5-4	6-6	7-6	8-7	9-10	10-10	13-10	16-11	17-13
Ford, New York	2-0	2-1	3-3	6-3	6-4	8-5	9-6	10-6	12-6	13-7	14-8	16-10
Bell, Cleveland	2-0	2-2	4-2	4-5	6-6	6-8	8-9	10-9	13-9	14-10	15-11	16-11
Daley, Kansas City	0-2	0-2	1-3	4-3	5-5	8-5	9-6	12-6	13-7	15-9	15-12	16-13
Pappas, Baltimore	1-0	3-0	4-2	5-2	6-3	7-4	10-4	11-5	12-5	13-6	14-8	15-9
Wilhelm, Baltimore	1-0	3-0	6-0	8-0	9-1	9-3	10-4	10-7	11-8	13-8	14-11	15-11
Maas, New York	1-0	1-2	2-2	3-3	4-4	6-4	7-5	9-5	11-5	12-6	12-7	14-8
Foytack, Detroit	0-1	0-4	2-6	3-6	5-6	7-7	8-8	9-9	10-10	12-11	13-13	14-14
Pierce, Chicago	1-1	3-2	5-3	6-5	7-7	8-9	10-11	12-11	12-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Casale, Boston	1-1	1-3	1-3	3-4	5-4	6-6	6-6	7-6	8-8	8-8	10-8	13-8
Ditmar, New York	0-1	0-1	1-1	3-4	5-4	7-5	7-6	7-6	7-8	10-8	12-8	13-9
Ramos, Washington	2-1	3-3	4-4	6-5	6-6	8-7	10-9	10-13	10-14	12-15	13-17	13-19
Perry, Cleveland	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	4-2	7-3	8-4	10-5	11-7	12-10
Delock, Boston	2-0	3-1	5-1	5-3	5-4	6-4	6-5	6-6	10-6	11-6	11-6	11-6
Brown, Baltimore	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-1	4-2	5-3	6-5	7-6	8-6	8-7	9-8	11-9
Walker, Baltimore	1-0	2-0	3-0	4-2	4-3	6-3	7-4	8-5	8-6	9-7	11-8	11-10
Herbert, Kansas City	1-0	1-3	3-3	4-3	4-6	5-7	8-7	10-7	10-8	10-9	10-11	11-11
Grant, Cleveland	0-0	1-0	3-0	3-1	4-2	5-4	5-4	6-4	7-5	8-6	9-6	10-7
Brewer, Boston	1-1	1-2	2-3	3-3	4-3	5-5	7-7	7-7	8-8	8-9	9-11	10-12
O'Dell, Baltimore	1-0	1-1	2-2	2-5	3-6	5-6	6-7	6-8	6-10	7-10	9-10	10-12
Garver, Kansas City	1-1	3-1	3-2	4-4	5-5	6-7	7-9	8-10	8-10	9-10	9-12	10-13

1959 American League Pitchers Summary

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	Ninth	Tenth	A. L. Record
Games won	Wynn 22	McLish 19	Shaw 18	Mossi 17	Lary 17	Pascual 17	Bunning 17	Ford 16	Bell 16	Daley 16	41 Chesbro New York, '04
Games lost	Ramos 19	Kemmerer 17	Pierce 15	Foytack 14	Daley 13	Garver 13	Bunning 13	4 tied at 12			26 Townsend, Wash., '04 26 Groom, Wash., '09
W-L pct. (15 decisions)	Shaw .750 (18-6)	McLish .704 (19-8)	Wynn .688 (22-10)	Mossi .654 (17-9)	Delock .647 (11-6)	Maas .636 (14-8)	Lary .630 (17-10)	Pascual .630 (17-10)	Pappas .625 (15-9)	Casale .619 (13-8)	.938 (15-1) Allen Cleveland, '37
E. R. A.	Wilhelm 2.19	Pascual 2.64	Shaw 2.69	Ditmar 2.90	Walker 2.92	O'Dell 2.94	Ford 3.04	Wynn 3.16	Daley 3.17	Pappas 3.27	1.01 Leonard Boston, '14
Games pitched	Staley 67	Lown 60	Clevenger 50	Shaw 47	Fornieles 46	Morgan 46	Perry 44	Bell 44	Sturdivant 43	2 tied at 42	69 Kinder Boston, '53
Complete games	Pascual 17	Mossi 15	Pappas 15	Bunning 14	Wynn 14	Wilhelm 13	McLish 13	Bell 12	Daley 12	Pierce 12	48 Chesbro New York, '04
Innings pitched	Wynn 256	Bunning 250	Foytack 240	Pascual 239	McLish 235	Bell 234	Ramos 234	Shaw 231	Mossi 228	Wilhelm 226	464 Walsh Chicago, '08
Hits off	McLish 253	Foytack 239	Ramos 233	Lary 225	Kemmerer 221	Bunning 220	Brewer 219	Pierce 217	Shaw 217	Garver 214	401 McGinnity Baltimore, '01
Hits per 9 innings	Ditmar 6.95	Score 6.88	Wilhelm 7.08	Wynn 7.10	O'Dell 7.37	Pappas 7.54	Pascual 7.61	Grant 7.64	Walker 7.91	Bunning 7.92	
Bases on balls	Wynn 119	Score 115	Bell 105	Ford 89	Casale 89	Brewer 88	Turley 83	Grant 81	Wilhelm 77	Larsen 76	208 Feller Cleveland, '38
Bases on balls per 9 innings	Brown 1.76	Lary 1.86	Garver 1.88	Mossi 1.93	Ramos 2.00	Fischer 2.07	Shaw 2.10	Foytack 2.40	Pierce 2.49	Terry 2.53	0.66 Young Boston, '04
Strikeouts	Bunning 201	Pascual 185	Wynn 179	Score 147	Wilhelm 139	Lary 137	Bell 136	Mossi 125	Daley 125	Brewer 121	348 Feller Cleveland, '46
Strikeouts per 9 innings	Score 8.22	Bunning 7.24	Pascual 6.97	Turley 6.49	Wynn 6.29	Latman 5.59	Wilhelm 5.54	Lary 5.53	Sullivan 5.41	Bell 5.23	9.71 Score Cleveland, '55
Shutouts	Pascual 6	Wynn 5	Pappas 4	Mossi 3	Wilhelm 3	Lary 3	Brewer 3	Casale 3	Shaw 3	Turley 3	13 Coombs Philadelphia, '10

PHOTOFINISH

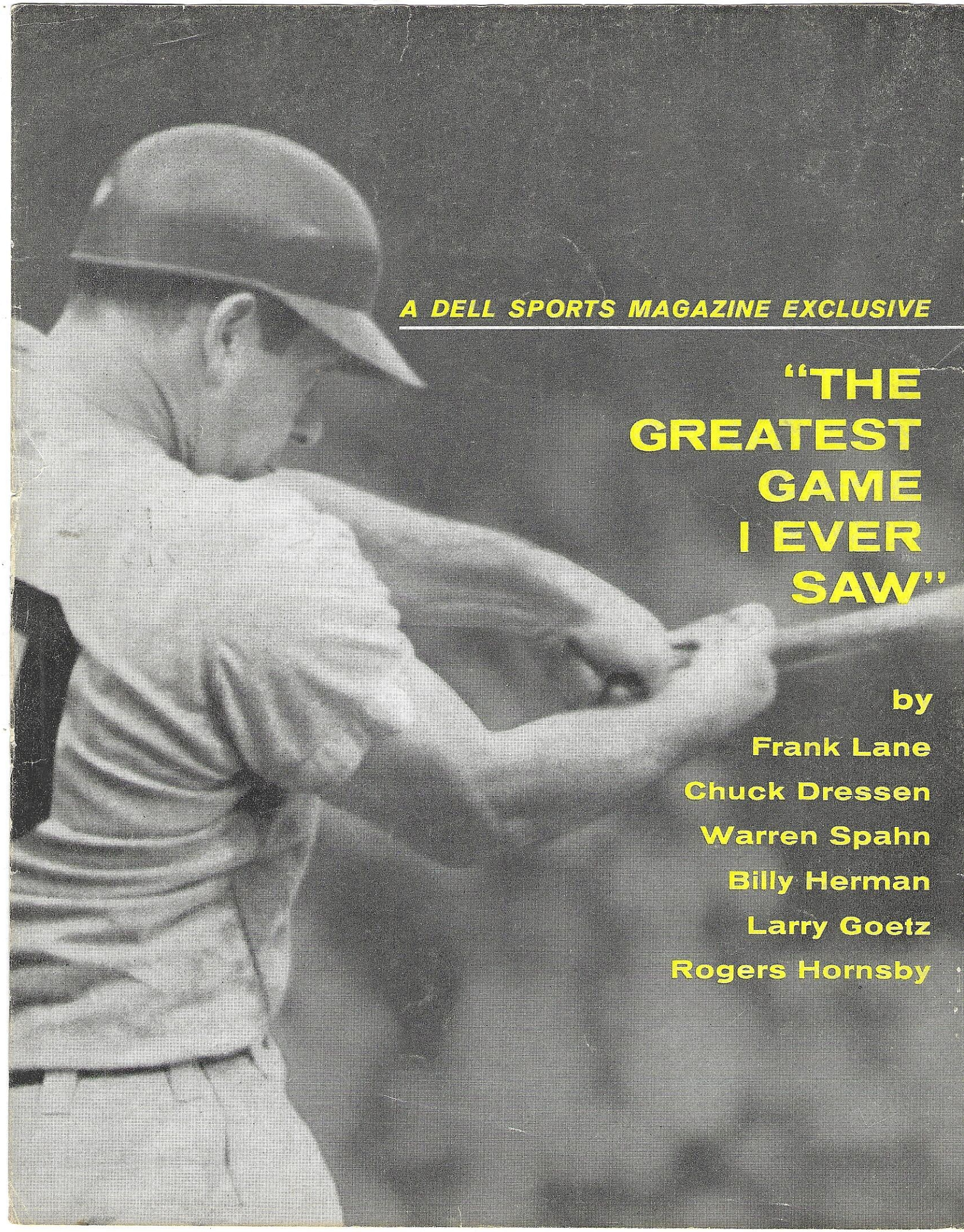
For those who feel that baseball and football schedules overlap, here's a view of what would happen if the schedule makers got really confused. These aren't trick photographs. They're the real thing, with the Washington Senators, the New York Yankees and the Washington Redskins taking part. First the teams played twenty minutes of two-hand touch football. Then there were punting, accuracy throwing and home run hitting contests. The football game ended in a 0-0 tie. Best play was a Chuck Stobbs to Lennie Green pass for 55 yards. Eddie LeBaron and Hal Naragon tied in the throwing contest, LeBaron heaving a football, Naragon a baseball. Stobbs and Sam Baker won the punting contest and Roy Sievers, Harmon Killebrew—and Ralph Guglielmi—each hit homers to tie in the hitting contest!

THE BIG GAME:

Upper Left: Clint Courtney catching. Redskin tackle Ray Lemek hitting. Above: Chuch Stobbs (27) fades back to throw a pass as Hal Griggs (24) blocks out Art Gobb (89) and Hansen Churchwell (72) comes rushing in.

Right: Mickey Mantle tries a punt for a change. His manager, Casey Stengel, couldn't have been too happy watching Mickey try his delicate underpinnings out on a football. His punt wobbled off to the right.

PUNT OR BUNT?



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